

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 99-6868

EDWARD BERNARD LUNSFORD, SR.,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

ROBERT PARROTTE; DON MOBLEY; HERB PARRISH;
RENA MCNIEL,

Defendants - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Raleigh. W. Earl Britt, Senior District Judge. (CA-98-150-5-BR)

Submitted: September 30, 1999

Decided: October 7, 1999

Before NIEMEYER, WILLIAMS, and MICHAEL, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Edward Bernard Lunsford, Sr., Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Edward Bernard Lunsford, Sr., seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983 (West Supp. 1999) complaint. We dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction because Lunsford's notice of appeal was not timely filed.

Parties are accorded thirty days after the entry of the district court's final judgment or order to note an appeal, see Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1), unless the district court extends the appeal period under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(5) or reopens the appeal period under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(6). This appeal period is "mandatory and jurisdictional." Browder v. Director, Dep't of Corrections, 434 U.S. 257, 264 (1978) (quoting United States v. Robinson, 361 U.S. 220, 229 (1960)).

The district court's order was entered on the docket on May 13, 1998. Lunsford's notice of appeal was filed on April 15, 1999. Because Lunsford failed to file a timely notice of appeal or to obtain an extension or reopening of the appeal period, we dismiss the appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED