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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 26-6051

TARUN KUMAR VYAS,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

SHERIFF BRYAN HUTCHESON,

Respondent - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, at Roanoke. James P. Jones, Senior District Judge. (7:23-cv-00102-JPJ-PMS)

Submitted: July 15, 2026 Decided: August 31, 2026

Before KING and BERNER, Circuit Judges, and TRAXLER, Senior Circuit Judge.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Tarun Kumar Vyas, Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Tarun Kumar Vyas seeks to appeal the district court's vacated order denying his motion to compel and the court's order granting his motion to alter or amend prior orders.[*] Upon review, we conclude that we lack jurisdiction over this appeal. Because "[a] vacated judgment has no effect," this appeal is moot as to the vacated order denying Vyas's motion to compel. *Fort Knox Music Inc. v. Baptiste*, 257 F.3d 108, 110 (2d Cir. 2001). We thus dismiss as moot that portion of the appeal. *See United States v. Springer*, 715 F.3d 535, 540 (4th Cir. 2013) ("Mootness is a jurisdictional question."). And Vyas lacks standing to appeal the district court's order granting his motion to alter or amend. *See, e.g.*, *Ridpath v. Bd. of Govs. Marshall Univ.*, 447 F.3d 292, 305 (4th Cir. 2006) ("Only if a party has standing to appeal do we possess authority to decide the merits of his contentions."); *Forney v. Apfel*, 524 U.S. 266, 271 (1998) ("A party who receives all that he has sought generally is not aggrieved by the judgment affording the relief and cannot appeal from it." (citation modified)).

We therefore dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED

[*] Vyas has moved for assignment of counsel on appeal. We deny that motion.