

**THE COURT OF APPEALS
ELEVENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT
TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO**

GRANGE MUTUAL CASUALTY CO.,	:	MEMORANDUM OPINION
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
- vs -	:	CASE NO. 2009-T-0002
LIONEL B. SELLERS,	:	
Defendant/Third Party	:	
Plaintiff-Appellant,	:	
- vs -	:	
DESSEL ZIEGLER, et al.,	:	
Third Party Defendants-	:	
Appellees.	:	

Civil Appeal from the Warren Municipal Court, Case No. 2007 CVE 04428.

Judgment: Appeal dismissed.

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TIMOTHY P. CANNON, J.

{¶1} On January 13, 2009, appellant, Lionel B. Sellers, pro se, filed a notice of appeal from a December 12, 2008 entry of the Warren Municipal Court. The notice of

appeal was filed thirty-one days after the trial court issued its judgment. Mr. Sellers' notice of appeal was due on Monday, January 12, 2009, which was not a holiday or a weekend.

{¶2} App.R. 4(A) states that:

{¶3} "A party shall file the notice of appeal required by App.R. 3 within thirty days of the later of entry of the judgment or order appealed or, in a civil case, service of the notice of judgment and its entry if service is not made on the party within the three day rule period in Rule 58(B) of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure."

{¶4} Loc.R. 3(D)(2) of the Eleventh District Court of Appeals provides:

{¶5} "In the filing of a Notice of Appeal in civil cases in which the trial court clerk has not complied with Ohio Civ.R. 58(B), *and the Notice of Appeal is deemed to be filed out of rule*, appellant shall attach an affidavit from the trial court clerk stating that service was not perfected pursuant to Ohio App.R. 4(A). The clerk shall then perfect service and furnish this Court with a copy of the appearance docket in which date of service has been noted. Lack of compliance shall result in the *sua sponte* dismissal of the appeal under Ohio App.R. 4(A)." (Emphasis sic.)

{¶6} In the instant matter, Mr. Sellers has neither complied with the thirty-day rule set forth in App.R. 4(A) nor alleged that there was a failure by the trial court clerk to comply with Civ.R. 58(B). The time requirement is jurisdictional in nature and may not be enlarged by an appellate court. *State ex rel. Pendell v. Adams Cty. Bd. of Elections* (1988), 40 Ohio St.3d 58, 60; App.R. 14(B).

{¶7} Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed, sua sponte, pursuant to App. R. 4(A).

{¶8} Appeal dismissed.

DIANE V. GRENDELL, J.,

COLLEEN MARY O'TOOLE, J.,

concur.