

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

STATE OF OHIO,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

- vs -

COREY D. HOFFMAN,

Defendant-Appellant.

CASE NO. 2024-T-0058

Civil Appeal from the
Court of Common Pleas

Trial Court No. 2021 CR 00911

MEMORANDUM
OPINION

Decided: September 3, 2024
Judgment: Appeal dismissed

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MARY JANE TRAPP, J.

{¶1} On July 26, 2024, appellant, Corey D. Hoffman, through counsel, filed a notice of appeal from the trial court’s June 24, 2024 judgment entry dismissing appellant’s petition for postconviction relief.

{¶2} App.R. 4(A)(1) states that “a party who wishes to appeal from an order that is final upon its entry shall file the notice of appeal required by App.R. 3 within 30 days of that entry.”

{¶3} Furthermore, postconviction proceedings are considered civil in nature. *State v. Nichols*, 11 Ohio St.3d 40, 40-42 (1984); see also *State v. Jones*, 2021-Ohio-1696, ¶ 6 (11th Dist.).

{¶4} App.R. 4(A)(3) states, in relevant part:

{¶5} “In a civil case, if the clerk has not completed service of notice of the judgment within the three-day period prescribed in Civ.R. 58(B), the 30-day periods referenced in App.R. 4(A)(1) and 4(A)(2) begin to run on the date when the clerk actually completes service.”

{¶6} Here, there is a notation on the docket reflecting the clerk mailed a copy of the June 24, 2024 entry to appellant, care of counsel, on June 24, 2024, which is within the three-day period prescribed in Civ.R. 58(B). Therefore, a timely notice of appeal from the June 24, 2024 entry was due no later than July 24, 2024, which was not a holiday or weekend. The appeal is untimely by two days. The time requirement for filing a notice of appeal is jurisdictional in nature and may not be enlarged by an appellate court. *State ex rel. Pendell v. Adams Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 40 Ohio St.3d 58, 60 (1988); see also App.R. 14(B).

{¶7} Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed, sua sponte, as untimely.

MATT LYNCH, J.,

JOHN J. EKLUND, J.,

concur.