

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

STATE OF OHIO,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

- vs -

NICOLE M. LESLEIN,

Defendant-Appellant.

CASE NO. 2025-L-050

Civil Appeal from the
Court of Common Pleas

Trial Court No. 2021 CR 000572

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND JUDGMENT ENTRY

Decided: June 23, 2025
Judgment: Appeal dismissed

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JOHN J. EKLUND, J.

{¶1} On May 6, 2025, appellant, Nicole M. Leslein, filed a pro se notice of appeal from the trial court’s March 26, 2025 entry, denying appellant’s motion for clarification.

{¶2} App.R. 3(A) expressly states that the only jurisdictional requirement for filing a valid appeal is to file it within the time allowed by App.R. 4. “[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.” App.R. 4(A)(1).

{¶3} The Supreme Court has held that the failure to comply with the time requirements of App.R. 4(A) is a jurisdictional defect, which is fatal to an appeal. *In re*

H.F., 2008-Ohio-6810, ¶ 17, citing *State ex rel. Pendell v. Adams Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 40 Ohio St.3d 58, 60 (1988).

{¶4} Here, a timely appeal from the March 26, 2025 entry was due no later than April 25, 2025, which was not a holiday or weekend. Thus, the appeal was untimely filed by eleven days.

{¶5} Appellant has not complied with the thirty-day rule set forth in App.R. 4(A)(1). Therefore, this court is without jurisdiction to consider this appeal.

{¶6} This appeal is hereby dismissed, sua sponte, as untimely.

EUGENE A. LUCCI, J.,

SCOTT LYNCH, J.,

concur.

JUDGMENT ENTRY

For the reasons stated in the memorandum opinion of this court, this appeal is hereby dismissed, sua sponte, as untimely.

Costs shall be taxed against appellant.

JUDGE JOHN J. EKLUND

JUDGE EUGENE A. LUCCI,
concur

JUDGE SCOTT LYNCH,
concur

<p>THIS DOCUMENT CONSTITUTES A FINAL JUDGMENT ENTRY</p>
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<p>A certified copy of this opinion and judgment entry shall constitute the mandate pursuant to Rule 27 of the Ohio Rules of Appellate Procedure.</p>
