

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

STATE OF OHIO,	:	<b>MEMORANDUM OPINION</b>
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
-vs-	:	<b>CASE NO. 2007-T-0092</b>
LAWRENCE JAMES JOHNSON,	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

Civil Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 04 CR 579

Judgment: Appeal dismissed.

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MARY JANE TRAPP, J.,

{¶1} On August 24, 2007, appellant, Lawrence James Johnson, pro se, filed a document with this court captioned as a “Notice of Delayed Appeal of Appellant Lawrence James Johnson.”

{¶2} We first must note that delayed appeals are only applicable to criminal cases. App.R. 5(A). Post-conviction proceedings have historically been recognized as quasi-civil in nature. *State v. Nichols* (1984), 11 Ohio St.3d 40, 42. In addition, the

Supreme Court of Ohio has specifically held that App.R. 5(A) is not available on appeals regarding a post-conviction relief determination. *Id.* at 43.

{¶3} In the present case, it appears that appellant is attempting to file a late appeal from an April 16, 2007 judgment of the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas denying his petition for post-conviction relief. Appellant cannot utilize App.R. 5(A) to file an untimely appeal in this case since it is an appeal from a post-conviction relief determination.

{¶4} App.R. 4(A) states:

{¶5} “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.”

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

{¶7} “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.)

{¶8} Here, appellant has not complied with the thirty-day rule set forth in App.R. 4(A) nor has appellant 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).

{¶9} Based upon the foregoing analysis, this appeal is hereby, sua sponte, dismissed as being untimely.

{¶10} Appeal dismissed.

DIANE V. GRENDALL, J.,

TIMOTHY P. CANNON, J.,

concur.