

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DAVID ROY ABBOTT,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

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Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

✓ No. 84872

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No. 84873

*ORDER DISMISSING APPEALS*

These are pro se appeals from district court orders dismissing appellant's postconviction petitions for writs of habeas corpus. Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County; Kathleen M. Drakulich, Judge.

Preliminary review of these appeals revealed a potential jurisdictional defect. The district court entered the orders dismissing appellant's petitions on April 19, 2022, and the clerk of the district court served notices of entry of orders on April 20, 2022. Appellant's notices of appeal were therefore due by May 23, 2022. See NRS 34.575. Appellant's notices of appeal, however, were not filed in the district court until June 10, 2022, well beyond the relevant appeal period. Appellant dated his notices of appeal May 18, 2022.

Pursuant to NRAP 4(d), if appellant delivered his notices of appeal to a prison official for mailing on or before May 23, 2022, and utilized the notice of appeal log or other system designed for legal mail, his notices of appeal would be deemed timely filed. Because this court could not

determine from the documents before it whether the notice of appeal should be deemed timely, this court ordered the attorney general to obtain and transmit to the clerk of this court certified copies of the notice of appeal log maintained at the prison indicating the actual date upon which appellant delivered to a prison official his notices of appeal.

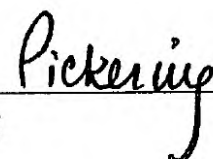
The attorney general has responded and provides this court with a copy of the applicable notice of appeal log from April and May of 2022 and a declaration from the law librarian who maintains the notice of appeal log at the prison where appellant is housed and who communicated with the prison mail room for the same months. These documents evidence that there are no entries for appellant in the prison mail logs that would support a finding that the notices of appeal were timely delivered to a prison official or timely mailed from the prison. *See* NRAP 4(d) (providing that when the institution has a notice-of-appeal log or another system designed for legal mail, the inmate must use that log or system to receive the benefit of the rule). Accordingly, the June 10, 2022, date controls.

“[A]n untimely notice of appeal fails to vest jurisdiction in this court.” *Lozada v. State*, 110 Nev. 349, 352, 871 P.2d 944, 946 (1994). Appellant has not demonstrated that he timely submitted his notices of appeal. This court lacks jurisdiction and therefore

ORDERS these appeals DISMISSED.

, J.  
Silver

, J.  
Cadish

, J.  
Pickering

cc: Hon. Kathleen M. Drakulich, District Judge  
David Roy Abbott  
Attorney General/Carson City  
Washoe County District Attorney  
Washoe District Court Clerk