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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. A-1-CA-38639

CITY OF ROSWELL,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

JOHN MONAFO,

Defendant-Appellant.

**APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHAVES COUNTY
James M. Hudson, District Judge**

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for Appellee

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Pro Se Appellant

MEMORANDUM OPINION

VARGAS, Judge.

{1} Defendant John Monafo seeks to appeal his conviction for driving on a suspended or revoked license. We previously issued a notice of proposed summary disposition, proposing to dismiss on grounds that Defendant failed to timely file his notice of appeal with the district court. Defendant has filed a memorandum in opposition. After due consideration, we remain unpersuaded. We therefore dismiss the appeal.

{2} As we observed in the notice of proposed summary disposition, notice of appeal must be filed with the district court within thirty days after the entry of a final order. See Rule 12-201(A)(2) NMRA; Rule 12-202(A) NMRA. Because the timely filing of notice of appeal with the district court is a mandatory precondition to the exercise of jurisdiction, see *Garcia v. State*, 2010-NMSC-023, ¶ 25, 148 N.M. 414, 237 P.3d 716, we do not ordinarily entertain an appeal if the notice of appeal is filed late. See *State v. Upchurch*, 2006-NMCA-076, ¶ 5, 139 N.M. 739, 137 P.3d 679 (“[I]n the absence of exceptional circumstances, we rigidly enforce the mandatory time limits for filing the notice of appeal.”).

{3} In this case, the final order of the district court was entered on October 15, 2019. It was therefore incumbent upon Defendant to file notice of appeal no later than November 14, 2019. See Rule 12-308(A)(1) NMRA (describing the computation of time, where the relevant period is eleven days or longer). We surmise that Defendant’s assertion to the contrary [MIO 1] is premised upon a misapprehension of the relevant rules. See *id.* Defendant did not file his notice of appeal with the district court until November 15, 2019. As we previously observed, this was untimely; and absent a showing of extraordinary circumstances, dismissal is warranted. See, e.g., *Upchurch*, 2006-NMCA-076, ¶¶ 1-6 (dismissing an appeal filed one day late, where exceptional circumstances were not demonstrated and the presumption of ineffective assistance of counsel did not apply). There has been no suggestion of extraordinary circumstances in this case. As a consequence, we adhere to our initial assessment.

{4} Accordingly, for the reasons stated above and in the notice of proposed summary disposition, the appeal is dismissed.

{5} IT IS SO ORDERED.

JULIE J. VARGAS, Judge

WE CONCUR:

J. MILES HANISEE, Chief Judge

ZACHARY A. IVES, Judge