

FILED: May 17, 2019

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 18-4689  
(3:08-cr-00077-JPB-RWT-1)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

BARTON JOSEPH ADAMS

Defendant - Appellant

JOSEPHINE ARTILLAGA ADAMS; BRIAN ADAMS

Claimants - Appellants

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J U D G M E N T

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In accordance with the decision of this court, this appeal is dismissed.

This judgment shall take effect upon issuance of this court's mandate in  
accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 41.

/s/ PATRICIA S. CONNOR, CLERK

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia,  
at Martinsburg. John Preston Bailey, District Judge. (3:08-cr-00077-JPB-RWT-1)

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Submitted: April 22, 2019

Decided: May 17, 2019

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Before MOTZ and WYNN, Circuit Judges, and DUNCAN, Senior Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Barton Joseph Adams, Appellant Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

## PER CURIAM:

Barton Adams, Josephine Adams, and Brian Adams (collectively, “Appellants”) seek to appeal the district court’s order amending the final order of forfeiture in Barton Adams’ criminal case. The district court entered the final order of forfeiture, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2), on June 25, 2014. We dismissed Appellants’ appeal of the final order of forfeiture, holding that they lacked standing because the order had no bearing on any of their rights. *United States v. Adams*, 663 F. App’x 269, 272 (4th Cir. 2016) (Nos. 16-6190, 16-6199, 16-6202, 16-6203, 16-6205); *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2 advisory committee’s note to 2000 adoption subdiv. (b); *United States v. Flanders*, 752 F.3d 1317, 1343 (11th Cir. 2014) (holding that criminal defendant lacks standing to appeal final order of forfeiture); *Doe v. Pub. Citizen*, 749 F.3d 246, 257 (4th Cir. 2014) (discussing standard for constitutional and prudential standing on appeal and holding that persons not bound or aggrieved by district court’s order lack standing to appeal).

On September 18, 2018, the district court granted the Government’s motion to amend the final order of forfeiture to correct a clerical error under Fed. R. Crim. P. 36. Appellants argue that the district court lacked the authority to amend the final order of forfeiture. We conclude that Appellants’ lack of standing to appeal the June 2014 final order of forfeiture is the law of the case. *Carlson v. Bos. Sci. Corp.*, 856 F.3d 320, 325 (4th Cir. 2017) (describing law-of-the-case doctrine). Just as Appellants lacked standing to appeal the final order of forfeiture, they lack standing to appeal an amendment to that order.

We therefore dismiss the appeal and deny Appellants' motions seeking the appointment of counsel, their motion challenging the district court's jurisdiction to enter the amended final order of forfeiture, and their motion to reconsider. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

*DISMISSED*

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