

No. 20-1458

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

**FILED**  
Jun 23, 2020  
DEBORAH S. HUNT, Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

**V.**

RICHARD KNIDER JACKSON,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER

Before: CLAY, ROGERS, and MURPHY, Circuit Judges.

This matter is before the court upon initial consideration to determine whether appeal No. 20-1458 was taken from an appealable order. On January 16, 2020, a jury found Richard Knider Jackson guilty of a sex-trafficking offense and three drug offenses. Following the verdict, Jackson renewed his motion for judgment of acquittal as to the sex-trafficking offense and filed motions for replacement counsel, for an evidentiary hearing, and for a mistrial. The district court denied the motions by order entered on March 30, 2020. On May 1, 2020, Jackson filed a notice of appeal from the March 30, 2020, order (appeal No. 20-1458, the current appeal).

This court lacks jurisdiction over appeal No. 20-1458. The imposition of a sentence is the final judgment for purposes of an appeal in a criminal case. *See Midland Asphalt Corp. v. United States*, 489 U.S. 794, 798 (1989); *Flanagan v. United States*, 465 U.S. 259, 263 (1984); *United States v. Yeager*, 303 F.3d 661, 665 (6th Cir. 2002). No sentence has yet been imposed; therefore, there is no final judgment in this case. No exception to the final judgment rule applies here.

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Accordingly, appeal No. 20-1458 is **DISMISSED** for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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Deborah S. Hunt, Clerk