

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

RICHARD LEE CANTERBURY,  
Appellant,

vs.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE;  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL  
CARPENTER; AND HEALTH CARE  
UNIT PHYSICIAN OR CONTRACT  
PHYSICIAN, DR. RUBEN SAAVEDRA,  
Respondents.

No. 76523-COA

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Appellant,

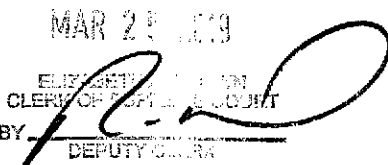
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UNITED STATES MARSHAL  
CARPENTER; AND CORE CIVIC  
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CONTRACT PHYSICIAN DR. RUBEN  
SAAVEDRA,  
Respondents.

No. 76607-COA

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*ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE*

Richard Lee Canterbury appeals, in consolidated cases, from a district court order dismissing a civil rights complaint. Fifth Judicial District Court, Nye County; Kimberly A. Wanker, Judge.

Canterbury filed his complaint on March 15, 2018. On July 18, 2018, the district court, on its own initiative, entered an order dismissing the case pursuant to NRCP 4(i) because Canterbury failed to serve the summons and complaint within 120 days. This appeal followed.

NRCP 4(i) provides that “[i]f a service of the summons and complaint is not made upon a defendant within 120 days after the filing of the complaint, the action shall be dismissed . . . upon the court’s own initiative with notice to such party” unless the party required to effectuate

service files a motion to enlarge the time for service and shows good cause for the failure to timely serve.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to NRCP 4(i) “the district court is limited to enlarging the time for service only upon a motion to enlarge the 120-day service period.” *Saavedra-Sandoval v. Wal-Mart Stores*, 126 Nev. 592, 596, 245 P.3d 1198, 1201 (2010) (internal quotations omitted).


In this matter, the complaint was filed on March 15, 2018, and service was to be effected on or before July 13, 2018. Canterbury, however, never effectuated service. On appeal, he argues that the district court erred in failing to arrange for proper service. But there is no authority providing that it is the district court’s responsibility to effectuate service on behalf of indigent litigants, and while NRS 12.015(2)(b) provides for the sheriff or other appropriate public officer to make personal service without charge for indigent litigants, the record does not show that Canterbury properly requested or arranged for the sheriff or other appropriate public officer to effectuate service pursuant to the applicable rules and procedures. *See Rodriguez v. Fiesta Palms, LLC*, 134 Nev. \_\_\_, \_\_\_, 428 P.3d 255, 258-59 (2018) (noting that procedural rules cannot be applied differently to pro se litigants and that “a pro se litigant cannot use his alleged ignorance as a shield to protect him from the consequences of failing to comply with basic procedural requirements”). As Canterbury did not timely effect service and

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<sup>1</sup>The record demonstrates that the district court failed to provide notice to Canterbury prior to dismissing the matter on service grounds as required by NRCP 4(i). But on appeal, Canterbury presents no arguments regarding the district court’s failure to notify him prior to dismissing his case. As a result, he has waived any such argument, and we do not consider this issue in resolving his appeal. *See Powell v. Liberty Mut. Fire Ins. Co.*, 127 Nev. 156, 161 n.3, 252 P.3d 668, 672 n.3 (2011) (stating that issues not raised in appellant’s opening brief are waived).

did not seek additional time to do so, the district court was required to dismiss his complaint pursuant to NRCP 4(i). Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.<sup>2</sup>

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
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\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Gibbons

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
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cc: Hon. Kimberly A. Wanker, District Judge  
Richard Lee Canterbury  
Ruben Saavedra  
United States Marshal Carpenter  
Nye County Clerk

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<sup>2</sup>To the extent Canterbury has sought any further relief in this court, in light of this order, we deny any such requests as moot.