

Circuit Court for Prince George's County
Case No.: C-16-CV-23-001455

UNREPORTED
IN THE APPELLATE COURT
OF MARYLAND*

No. 494

September Term, 2025

MONICA JEFFRIES

v.

AMERICAN PROPERTIES AT ANDREWS,
LLC, ET AL.

Wells, C.J.,
Albright,
Meredith, Timothy E.
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: February 20, 2026

*This is a per curiam opinion. Under Rule 1-104, the opinion is not precedent within the rule of stare decisis, nor may it be cited as persuasive authority.

Monica Jeffries, appellant, filed a complaint against American Properties at Andrews, LLC and Travelers Property Casualty Company of America, appellees, after she allegedly fell into a pothole in a parking lot on property owned by American Properties. On August 22, 2023, following a hearing at which the self-represented Ms. Jeffries failed to appear, the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County granted the appellees motion to dismiss and “closed statistically” the case. Months later, on June 20, 2024, Ms. Jeffries filed “Plaintiff’s Motion To Set Aside Submission And Reopen Case,” which the court denied on August 27, 2024. After the lapsing of more months, on March 5, 2025, Ms. Jeffries filed “Plaintiff’s Complaint to Reopen Case That Was Closed Erroneously” in which she stated that she was “seeking clarification of the current status of this matter[.]” and that the closure of the case “must be a clerical error,” claiming that the defendants had been served. On March 31, 2025, the court denied the request to reopen the case. On April 23, 2025, Ms. Jeffries, for the first time, noted an appeal.

In this appeal, Ms. Jeffries asserts that the court erred by dismissing her complaint pursuant to its August 22, 2023 order “because first and foremost [she] was never supplied with a copy of the Defendants Motion to Dismiss[.]” She further asserts that her “Motion to reopen her case should be granted because the case was closed in error, all fees were either timely waived and approved and additionally were paid again via plaintiff’s personal funds.”

The appellees respond that Ms. Jeffries’ notice of appeal, at least to the court’s dismissal of her complaint on August 22, 2023, is untimely. We agree. *See* Maryland Rule 8-202(a) (“Except as otherwise provided in this Rule or by law, the notice of appeal shall

be filed within 30 days after entry of the judgment or order from which the appeal is taken.”). As far as we can discern, Ms. Jeffries does not claim that she was unaware of the court’s dismissal of her case. Having reviewed the record before us, we conclude that the circuit court did not err in denying her March 5, 2025 request to reopen the case as there is no indication that the case was closed erroneously.

**JUDGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
AFFIRMED. COSTS TO BE PAID BY
APPELLANT.**