

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

In the
United States Court of Appeals
For the Eleventh Circuit

No. 25-13402
Non-Argument Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

DION DE CESARE,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Florida
D.C. Docket No. 9:21-cr-80188-RKA-1

Before ROSENBAUM, NEWSOM, and LAGOA, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

This is the second appeal by Dion De Cesare, a federal prisoner proceeding pro se, regarding real property that the district court ordered forfeited to the government in De Cesare's criminal

case. De Cesare moved to stay or enjoin the sale of the subject property, which a magistrate judge denied in a January 17, 2025, order. De Cesare appealed that order to us, and we dismissed the appeal because the preliminary order of forfeiture extinguished De Cesare's interest in the subject property.

De Cesare then filed objections to the January 17 order and asked the district judge to rule on them and enter a final, appealable order. In a September 8, 2025, order, the district judge denied De Cesare's motion for a ruling. De Cesare now appeals that denial.

We issued a jurisdictional question asking the parties to address whether De Cesare has standing to appeal from the September 8 order and whether the appeal has been rendered moot by the sale of the subject property. The government responded that De Cesare lacks standing to appeal, and it moves to dismiss the appeal on that basis. De Cesare responded that he has standing and that the appeal is not moot. After the parties filed those responses, De Cesare informed us that the government has now completed its sale of the property.

Because the core issue of De Cesare's appeal is whether the district court erred by declining to enjoin the sale of the property, the completion of that sale rendered this appeal moot. *See Stansell v. Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colom.*, 45 F.4th 1340, 1361 (11th Cir. 2022) (explaining that an appeal of an order declining to enjoin the sale of property is rendered moot upon completion of the sale). We lack authority to adjudicate moot controversies. *Brooks v. Ga. State Bd. of Elections*, 59 F.3d 1114, 1118-19 (11th Cir. 1995).

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Accordingly, this appeal is DISMISSED as moot. All pending motions are DENIED as moot.