



NUMBER 13-10-00288-CV

COURT OF APPEALS

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

CORPUS CHRISTI - EDINBURG

IN THE INTEREST OF R.F.M., A MINOR CHILD

**On Appeal from the 343rd District Court
of San Patricio County, Texas.**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

**Before Justices Rodriguez, Benavides, and Vela
Memorandum Opinion Per Curiam**

Appellant, Phillip Morales, attempted to perfect an appeal from a judgment entered by the 343rd District Court of San Patricio County, Texas, in cause number 00-5309FL-LC. Judgment in this cause was signed on April 7, 2010. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 26.1, appellant's notice of appeal was due on May 7, 2010, but was not filed until May 10, 2010.

A motion for extension of time is necessarily implied when an appellant, acting in good faith, files a notice of appeal beyond the time allowed by rule 26.1, but within the

fifteen-day grace period provided by Rule 26.3 for filing a motion for extension of time. See *Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617-18, 619 (1997) (construing the predecessor to Rule 26). However, appellant must provide a reasonable explanation for the late filing: it is not enough to simply file a notice of appeal. *Id.*; *Woodard v. Higgins*, 140 S.W.3d 462, 462 (Tex. App.–Amarillo 2004, no pet.); *In re B.G.*, 104 S.W.3d 565, 567 (Tex. App.–Waco 2002, no pet.).

On May 17, 2010, the Clerk of this Court notified appellant of this defect so that steps could be taken to correct the defect, if it could be done. Appellant was advised that, if the defect was not corrected within ten days from the date of receipt of this Court's letter, the appeal would be dismissed. To date, no response has been received from appellant providing a reasonable explanation for the late filing of the notice of appeal.

The Court, having examined and fully considered the documents on file, appellant's failure to timely perfect his appeal, and appellant's failure to respond to this Court's notice, is of the opinion that the appeal should be dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Accordingly, the appeal is hereby DISMISSED FOR WANT OF JURISDICTION. See TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a)(c).

PER CURIAM

Delivered and filed the 24th
day of June, 2010.