



**NUMBER 13-21-00415-CV**

**COURT OF APPEALS**

**THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI – EDINBURG**

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**KRISHNA MOHAN TURLAPATI, M.D.,  
VALLEY PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE  
AND HOSPITALIST SERVICES, AND  
LOUISDON PIERRE, M.D.,**

**Appellants,**

**v.**

**MALLORY COTTON AND  
JERAMY BRIDGES, INDIVIDUALLY,  
AND AS NEXT FRIENDS,  
NATURAL PARENTS, AND AS  
WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES  
OF BABY BOY BRIDGES,**

**Appellees.**

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**On appeal from the 103rd District Court  
of Cameron County, Texas.**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

**Before Justices Benavides, Longoria, and Tijerina  
Memorandum Opinion by Justice Benavides**

This cause is before the Court on the parties' joint motion to dismiss the appeal as moot. We grant the motion and dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

Attached to the joint motion is a dismissal order signed by the trial court on June 19, 2023, stating that the parties have agreed to extinguish the controversy between them *in toto*. "Appeals of some interlocutory orders become moot because the orders have been rendered moot by subsequent orders." *Hernandez v. Ebrom*, 289 S.W.3d 316, 319 (Tex. 2009). "A case is moot when a justiciable controversy no longer exists between the parties or when the parties no longer have a legally cognizable interest in the outcome." *Tex. Dep't of Fam. & Protective Servs. v. N.J.*, 644 S.W.3d 189, 192 (Tex. 2022). "A case may become moot at any time, including on appeal." *Id.* When an appeal becomes moot, we must dismiss it for want of jurisdiction. *Id.* (citing *Heckman v. Williamson County*, 369 S.W.3d 137, 162 (Tex. 2012); see also *Betancourt v. Cotton*, No. 13-22-00132-CV, 2022 WL 1414502, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi—Edinburg May 5, 2022, no pet.) (mem. op.).

Upon review of the motion to dismiss, the Court is of the opinion that the motion should be granted. See TEX. R. APP. P. 42.1(a)(1). Therefore, this cause is reinstated, the motion to dismiss is granted, and the appeal is hereby dismissed. Costs are taxed against appellants. See *id.* R. 42.1(d) ("Absent agreement of the parties, the court will tax costs against the appellant."). Having dismissed the appeal at the parties' request, no motion for rehearing will be entertained.

GINA M. BENAVIDES  
Justice

Delivered and filed on the  
6th day of July, 2023.