

Opinion filed July 19, 2018



In The  
**Eleventh Court of Appeals**

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No. 11-18-00160-CV

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**IN THE INTEREST OF P.A.D., A CHILD**

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**On Appeal from the 42nd District Court  
Coleman County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. CV06352**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

On June 27, 2018, appellate counsel for P.A.D.'s parents filed a notice of appeal relating to the order of termination of parental rights that was signed by the trial court on April 19, 2018. When the appeal was docketed in this court, the clerk of this court notified the parties that it appeared to this court that the notice of appeal was not timely filed, and we requested that Appellants' counsel respond and show grounds to continue the appeal. Appellants' counsel has not responded to this court's letter.

The documents on file in this appeal show that, on April 19, the trial court signed an order of termination that was a final, appealable order. The notice of appeal was therefore due to be filed on May 9. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.1(b) (providing that,

in an accelerated appeal, the notice of appeal, must be filed within twenty days after the date the order was signed). Appellants did not file their notice of appeal until June 27—after the deadline and also after the time in which this court would be authorized to grant a fifteen-day extension. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.3. We are prohibited from suspending the Rules of Appellate Procedure “to alter the time for perfecting an appeal in a civil case.” TEX. R. APP. P. 2. Absent a timely notice of appeal, this court is without jurisdiction to consider this appeal. *See Wilkins v. Methodist Health Care Sys.*, 160 S.W.3d 559, 564 (Tex. 2005); *Garza v. Hibernia Nat’l Bank*, 227 S.W.3d 233, 233–34 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2007, no pet.); *see also Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617 (Tex. 1997). Because we are without jurisdiction, we must dismiss the appeal. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a).

This appeal is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

PER CURIAM

July 19, 2018

Panel consists of: Willson, J.,  
Bailey, J., and Wright, S.C.J.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Jim R. Wright, Senior Chief Justice (Retired), Court of Appeals, 11th District of Texas at Eastland, sitting by assignment.