

**Affirmed and Memorandum Majority and Concurring Opinions filed
December 2, 2021.**



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-19-00463-CV

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DUPUY, Appellant

V.

HEATHER RENE WILLIAMS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 280th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 2019-18982**

M E M O R A N D U M C O N C U R R I N G O P I N I O N

I concur in the judgment and join the opinion with the exception that the lengthy fact recitation is completely irrelevant to the issues presented on appeal.

This is a memorandum opinion that does not heed Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 47.4 that states, “the court *should* write a brief memorandum opinion no longer than necessary to advise the parties of the court’s decision.” Tex. R. App. P. 47.4 (emphasis added). While I understand that the use of “should” is somewhere on

the spectrum between the discretionary word “may” and the defined nondiscretionary words “shall” or “must” in the Rules,¹ the court nonetheless has no reason to make these facts that are uncontested on appeal easily available to anyone who conducts an online search.

I do not question that the use of “should” allows the court to do what it has done. But I think the court should choose not to do so. The trial court ordered a lifetime protective order—I would grant appellee all the privacy and respect we legitimately can.

/s/ Charles A. Spain
Justice

Panel consists of Justices Jewell, Spain, and Wilson (Jewell, J., majority).

¹ Code Construction Act, Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. § 311.016 (“may” creates discretionary authority or grants permission or power, “shall” imposes a duty, and “must” creates or recognizes condition precedent); *see* Code Construction Act, Tex. Gov’t Code Ann § 311.002(4) (application of Act to rule adopted under code).