



**Fourth Court of Appeals**  
**San Antonio, Texas**

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

No. 04-20-00223-CV

**IN THE INTEREST OF J.I.L., J.B., and J.B., Children**

From the 198th Judicial District Court, Bandera County, Texas  
Trial Court No. CVPC-17-0000383  
Honorable Cathy Morris, Judge Presiding

PER CURIAM

Sitting: Sandee Bryan Marion, Chief Justice  
Rebeca C. Martinez, Justice  
Patricia O. Alvarez, Justice

Delivered and Filed: July 1, 2020

DISMISSED FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

The trial court signed a final order terminating appellant's parental rights on April 26, 2019. On April 16, 2020, appellant filed a letter with this court seeking to challenge the trial court's order.

An appeal of an order terminating parental rights is an accelerated appeal, and a notice of appeal seeking to challenge or appeal the order must be filed within twenty days after the date the order was signed. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.1(b). Accordingly, appellant's notice of appeal was required to be filed in this court no later than May 16, 2019. Because the notice of appeal was untimely filed, appellant was ordered to show cause in writing why this appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. *See Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617 (Tex. 1997).

Although appellant responded to this court's show cause order in writing, she failed to establish how this court has jurisdiction to consider the appeal. Because appellant's notice of appeal was not timely filed, this appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

PER CURIAM