



Fourth Court of Appeals
San Antonio, Texas

MEMORANDUM OPINION

No. 04-20-00453-CR

George S. **CHAPPLE**,
Appellant

v.

The **STATE** of Texas,
Appellee

From the 227th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas
Trial Court No. 2016CR7642
Honorable Laura Lee Parker, Judge Presiding

PER CURIAM

Sitting: Rebeca C. Martinez, Justice
Patricia O. Alvarez, Justice
Luz Elena D. Chapa, Justice

Delivered and Filed: December 2, 2020

ABATED

On September 21, 2020, appellant's counsel filed a letter informing the court that appellant George S. Chapple died on April 5, 2020, while in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The death of an appellant during the pendency of an appeal deprives this court of jurisdiction. *Molitor v. State*, 862 S.W.2d 615, 616 (Tex. Crim. App. 1993); *Marez v. State*, No. 04-05-00651-CR, 2006 WL 118384, at *1 (Tex. App.—San Antonio Jan. 18, 2006, no pet.). Under

these circumstances, the appropriate disposition is the permanent abatement of the appeal. TEX. R. APP. P. 7.1(a)(2). It is therefore ordered that this appeal is permanently abated.

PER CURIAM

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