



**COURT OF APPEALS  
SECOND DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FORT WORTH**

**NO. 02-16-00219-CV**

LARRY JOE MORGAN

APPELLANT

V.

RICHARD SCOTT WALKER

APPELLEE

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FROM THE 236TH DISTRICT COURT OF TARRANT COUNTY  
TRIAL COURT NO. 236-282599-15

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION<sup>1</sup>**  
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Pro se Appellant Larry Joe Morgan attempts to appeal a ruling that he presumes the trial court made after an April 7, 2016 hearing to dismiss his lawsuit. On July 5, 2016, we notified the parties of our concern that we have no jurisdiction in this matter because it appeared that there was no final judgment or signed order subject to appeal; we also informed them that the notice of appeal

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<sup>1</sup>See Tex. R. App. P. 47.4.

was premature.<sup>2</sup> We indicated that this appeal would be dismissed for want of jurisdiction if a party did not furnish this court with a signed copy of the order Appellant seeks to appeal by July 25, 2016.<sup>3</sup> We have received no response.

Even if the trial court held a hearing on April 7, 2016, and orally dismissed Appellant's case, the time for perfecting an appeal in a civil case runs from a signed judgment or appealable order, not an oral rendition.<sup>4</sup>

Because there is no signed judgment or appealable order, we dismiss this appeal for want of jurisdiction.<sup>5</sup>

PER CURIAM

PANEL: DAUPHINOT, GARDNER, and WALKER, JJ.

DELIVERED: August 18, 2016

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<sup>2</sup>See Tex. R. App. P. 26.1(a), 27.1(a).

<sup>3</sup>See *Stewart v. Stewart*, No. 02–09–00285–CV, 2009 WL 3416553, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth Oct. 22, 2009, no pet.) (mem. op.).

<sup>4</sup>See *id.*; see also Tex. R. App. P. 26.1.

<sup>5</sup>See Tex. R. App. P. 42.3(a), 43.2(f).