

## COURT OF APPEALS SECOND DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH

## NO. 02-16-00411-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF N.W., A CHILD

## FROM THE 323RD DISTRICT COURT OF TARRANT COUNTY TRIAL COURT NO. 323-101301-15

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# **MEMORANDUM OPINION<sup>1</sup>**

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On October 31, 2016, Appellant W.G.W. filed a notice of appeal asking that she be reunited with her minor daughter.<sup>2</sup> We then sent Appellant a jurisdiction letter, referencing the fact that the "Final Order in Suit Affecting the

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>We refer to Appellant by her initials to protect the identity of her minor daughter. See Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 109.002(d) (West 2014); Tex. R. App. P. 9.8(b).

Parent-Child Relationship" was entered on November 18, 2015, and expressing our concern that it appeared we lacked jurisdiction over this appeal because the notice of appeal was not timely filed. See Tex. R. App. P. 26.1. Appellant responded to our jurisdiction letter and stated that she "was not appealing anything that happened back in November 2015."

On November 30, 2016, we sent a second jurisdiction letter to Appellant, this time expressing our concern that we may not have jurisdiction over this appeal because it does not appear to be from a final judgment or appealable interlocutory order. *See Lehmann v. Har-Con Corp.*, 39 S.W.3d 191, 195 (Tex. 2001) (explaining that "the general rule, with a few mostly statutory exceptions, is that an appeal may be taken only from a final judgment"). We stated that unless Appellant or any party desiring to continue the appeal filed a response showing grounds for continuing the appeal by December 12, 2016, the appeal could be dismissed for want of jurisdiction. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 42.3(a), 44.3. Appellant did not respond to our second jurisdiction letter. Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 42.3(a), 43.2(f).

#### PER CURIAM

PANEL: WALKER, MEIER, and GABRIEL, JJ. DELIVERED: January 5, 2017

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