



**In The
Court of Appeals
Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo**

No. 07-17-00309-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF T.S.H. AND S.A.H., JR.

**On Appeal from County Court at Law Number Two
Potter County, Texas
Trial Court No. 78,809-2; Honorable Jeremy Fowler, Associate Judge, Presiding**

March 20, 2018

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before QUINN, C.J., and PIRTLE and PARKER, JJ.

Appellant, Shaka Alexander Harris, proceeding *pro se*, appeals from the associate judge's *Order in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship, In suit for Modification and Order Confirming Support Obligation*, but has not paid the required filing fee.¹ By letter dated February 22, 2018, the clerk of this court advised Shaka that a filing fee of \$205

¹ This cause originally contained two appeals. On June 16, 2017, Shaka filed a notice of appeal from the associate judge's order. On August 8, 2017, Tameka Renomia Campbell filed a notice of appeal from the referring court's *Order Adopting Associate Judge's Report*. We previously severed Tameka's appeal into cause 07-18-00055-CV, where it was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. *In re T.S.H.*, 07-18-00055-CV, 2018 Tex. App. LEXIS 1442, at *7 (Tex. App.—Amarillo Feb. 22, 2018, order) (per curiam) (mem. op.). Shaka's appeal remained pending in this cause. *Id.*

was overdue and that unless he was excused from paying costs under appellate rule 20.1, failure to pay the filing fee by March 5 would result in dismissal of the appeal without further notice. See TEX. R. APP. P. 20.1, 42.3(c).

Shaka has not responded to the clerk's letter, paid the filing fee, made other arrangements, or sought to proceed without payment of costs.² See TEX. R. APP. P. 12.1(b), 20.1. Unless a party is excused from paying a filing fee, the clerk of this court is required to collect filing fees set by statute or by the Texas Supreme Court when an item is presented for filing. See *id.* at 5, 12.1(b). Although the filing of a proper notice of appeal invokes an appellate court's jurisdiction, if a party fails to follow the prescribed rules of appellate procedure, the appeal may be dismissed. *Id.* at 25.1(b).

Accordingly, having provided Shaka a reasonable opportunity to cure this defect, this appeal is dismissed for Shaka's failure to comply with a requirement of the appellate rules and failure to comply with a notice from the clerk requiring action within a specified time. TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(c).

Per Curiam

² Although Tameka filed a statement of inability to afford payment of court costs in the trial court, Shaka did not file such a statement in the trial court or with this court. See TEX. R. CIV. P. 145; TEX. R. APP. P. 20.1.