



NUMBER 13-16-00623-CR

COURT OF APPEALS

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

CORPUS CHRISTI - EDINBURG

JAMES DANIEL BLANKENSHIP,

Appellant,

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Appellee.

On appeal from the 36th District Court
of San Patricio County, Texas.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

**Before Chief Justice Valdez and Justices Benavides, and Perkes
Memorandum Opinion Per Curiam**

Appellant, James Daniel Blankenship, attempts to appeal his conviction for sexual assault. The trial court has certified that this “is a plea-bargain case, and the defendant has NO right of appeal.” See TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(a)(2).

On November 16, 2016, this Court notified appellant's counsel of the trial court's certification and ordered counsel to: (1) review the record; (2) determine whether appellant has a right to appeal; and (3) forward to this Court, by letter, counsel's findings as to whether appellant has a right to appeal, or, alternatively, advise this Court as to the existence of any amended certification.

On December 9, 2016, counsel filed a letter brief with this Court. Counsel's response does not establish that the certification currently on file with this Court is incorrect or that appellant otherwise has a right to appeal.

The Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure provide that an appeal must be dismissed if the trial court's certification does not show that the defendant has the right of appeal. TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(d); see TEX. R. APP. P. 37.1, 44.3, 44.4. Accordingly, this appeal is DISMISSED.

PER CURIAM

Do not publish.
See TEX. R. APP. P. 47.2(b).

Delivered and filed the
15th day of December, 2016.