

**COURT OF APPEALS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**

**Branden Keith Wilson v. The State of Texas**

No. 05-12-01020-CR · No. 05-12-01020-CR · Decided January 17, 2013

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**SUMMARY**

The Texas Court of Appeals for the Fifth District at Dallas ordered the trial court to conduct a hearing concerning the appellant's missing brief. The court abated the appeal and directed the trial court to determine whether the appellant wished to pursue the appeal, was indigent, or had been abandoned by retained counsel, and to transmit findings and recommendations within thirty days.

**OPINION**

**PER CURIAM.**

Order entered January 17, 2013 In The Court of Appeals Fifth District of Texas at Dallas No. 05-12-01020-CR BRANDEN KEITH WILSON, Appellant V. THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee On Appeal from the 296th Judicial District Court Collin County, Texas Trial Court Cause No. 296-80603-2012 ORDER The Court ORDERS the trial court to conduct a hearing to determine why appellant's brief has not been filed.

In this regard, the trial court shall make appropriate findings and recommendations and determine whether appellant desires to prosecute the appeal, whether appellant is indigent, or if not indigent, whether retained counsel has abandoned the appeal. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(b). If the trial court cannot obtain appellant's presence at the hearing, the trial court shall conduct the hearing in appellant's absence.

See *Meza v. State*, 742 S.W.2d 708 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 1987, no pet.) (per curiam). If appellant is indigent, the trial court is ORDERED to take such measures as may be necessary to assure effective representation, which may include appointment of new counsel.

We ORDER the trial court to transmit a record of the proceedings, which shall include written findings and recommendations, to this Court within THIRTY DAYS of the date of this order. This appeal is ABATED to allow the trial court to comply with the above order.

The appeal shall be reinstated thirty days from the date of this order or when the findings are received, whichever is earlier. /s/ LANA MYERS JUSTICE