

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Aaron Pantoja Gonzalez v. the State of Texas

No. 13-25-00518-CR · No. 13-25-00518-CR · Decided January 29, 2026

SUMMARY

The Thirteenth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Aaron Pantoja Gonzalez’s attempted appeal for lack of jurisdiction. The court determined that the record did not reveal a final, appealable order concerning his motion for forensic DNA testing.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

NUMBER 13-25-00518-CR COURT OF APPEALS THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI – EDINBURG
AARON PANTOJA
GONZALEZ, Appellant, v. THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee.
ON APPEAL FROM
THE 93RD DISTRICT COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
MEMORANDUM

OPINION Before Justices Silva, Cron, and Fonseca Memorandum Opinion by Justice Cron This cause is before the Court on its own motion.

On October 20, 2025, appellant attempted to appeal a ruling or order on his motion for forensic DNA testing in cause number CR-2652-12-B. That same day, the Clerk of the Court notified appellant that there appears to be no final, appealable order. Appellant was further notified that if the defect is not corrected within thirty days from the date of the letter, the appeal would be dismissed for want of prosecution.

On December 15, 2025, appellant sent correspondence requesting the status of the case. Accordingly, the Clerk of the Court again notified appellant that there appears to be no final, appealable order. Generally, a state appellate court only has jurisdiction to consider an appeal by a criminal defendant where there has been a final judgment of conviction. *Workman v. State*, 343 S.W.2d 446, 447 (Tex.

Crim. App. 1961); *McKown v. State*, 915 S.W.2d 160, 161 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 1996, no pet.). Exceptions to the general rule include: (1) certain appeals while on deferred adjudication community supervision, *Kirk v. State*, 942 S.W.2d 624, 625 (Tex. Crim. App. 1997); (2) appeals from the denial of a motion to reduce bond, TEX. R. APP. P. 31.1; *McKown*, 915 S.W.2d at 161;

and (3) certain appeals from the denial of habeas corpus relief, *Wright v. State*, 969 S.W.2d 588, 589 (Tex.

App.—Dallas 1998, no pet.); *McKown*, 915 S.W.2d at 161. Our review of the documents before the Court does not reveal an appealable order entered by the trial court within thirty days before the filing of appellant's notice of appeal.

The Court, having examined and fully considered the notice of appeal, is of the opinion that there is not an appealable order, and this Court lacks jurisdiction over the matters herein. Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. JENNY CRON Justice Do not publish. Tex. R. App. P. 47.2(b). Delivered and filed on the 29th day of January, 2026.