

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Gabrielle Regina Jackson v. State

Jackson v. State · No. Nos. 05-15-00928-CR, 05-15-00929-CR, 05-15-00930-CR, 05-15-00931-CR, 05-15-00932-CR, 05-15-00933-CR, 05-15-00934-CR, 05-15-00935-CR · Decided December 18, 2015

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals for the Fifth District ordered the trial court to conduct a hearing concerning the absence of the appellant's brief in eight consolidated criminal appeals. The appeals were abated for thirty days or until the trial court transmitted findings and recommendations regarding the appellant's desire to pursue the appeals, indigency, and possible counsel abandonment.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

Order entered December 18, 2015 In The Court of Appeals Fifth District of Texas at Dallas No. 05-15-00928-CR No. 05-15-00929-CR No. 05-15-00930-CR No. 05-15-00931-CR No. 05-15-00932-CR No. 05-15-00933-CR No. 05-15-00934-CR No. 05-15-00935-CR GABRIELLE REGINA JACKSON, Appellant V. THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee On Appeal from the 283rd Judicial District Court Dallas County, Texas Trial Court Cause Nod. F14-20157-T, F14-55131-T, F14-55132-T, F14-55133-T, F14-55134-T, F14-75828-T, F14-75829-T, F14-75830-T

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 appeals, whether appellant is indigent, or if not indigent, whether retained counsel has abandoned the appeals. 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. The appeals are ABATED to allow the trial court to comply with the above order. The appeals shall be reinstated thirty days from the date of this order or when the findings are received, whichever is earlier.

/s/ LANA MYERS
JUSTICE

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