

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Jesus Manuel Farias v. the State of Texas

No. 13-25-00619-CR, Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth District of Texas (February 5, 2026)

SUMMARY

The Thirteenth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Jesus Manuel Farias's appeal for want of jurisdiction. The court relied on the trial court's certification that Farias had knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to appeal and counsel's failure to demonstrate otherwise.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth District of Texas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jon West; Chief Justice Tijerina; Justice Peña; Justice West
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth District of Texas
DECIDED	February 5, 2026
DOCKET	13-25-00619-CR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appellant attempted to appeal a judgment of conviction, but the trial court certified that he had voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waived his right to appeal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Jesus Manuel Farias v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Criminal appellate procedure
- Criminal procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals had jurisdiction over an appeal when the trial court certified that the defendant waived his right to appeal and the record did not otherwise establish a right of appeal.

HOLDINGS

1. The appeal must be dismissed for want of jurisdiction because the trial court's certification did not show that Farias had a right to appeal, and no other basis for appellate jurisdiction was established.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Farias sought to appeal a judgment of conviction. The trial court's certification stated that he voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waived his right to appeal. After the court of appeals ordered counsel to review the record and establish a right to appeal, counsel failed to respond.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 18, 2025, Farias filed a notice of appeal from a judgment of conviction in Hidalgo County trial court cause number CR-0465-25-G. The court of appeals ordered appointed counsel to determine whether Farias had a right to appeal, but counsel did not respond or otherwise establish appellate jurisdiction. The court dismissed the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

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