

Dismissed and Opinion filed November 24, 1999.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-99-00905-CV

DONNA MARIE ALLEN, Appellant

V.

CITY OF HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 157th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 94-06846**

OPINION

This is an attempted appeal from a judgment, signed January 10, 1997. Appellant's notice of appeal was filed August 5, 1999.

The notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after the judgment is signed when appellant has not filed a timely motion for new trial, motion to modify the judgment, motion to reinstate, or a request for findings of fact and conclusions of law. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.1.

Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed timely. A motion for extension of time is

necessarily implied when an appellant, acting in good faith, files a notice of appeal beyond the time allowed by Rule 26.1, but within the fifteen-day grace period provided by Rule 26.3 for filing a motion for extension of time. *See Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617-18 (1997) (construing the predecessor to Rule 26). However, the appellant must offer a reasonable explanation for failing to file the notice of appeal in a timely manner. See TEX. R. APP. P. 26.3, 10.5(b)(1)(C); *Verburgt*, 959 S.W.2d at 617-18. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed within the fifteen-day period provided by rule 26.3.

On November 4, 1999, notification was transmitted to all parties of the Court's intent to dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a). Appellant's response fails to demonstrate that this Court has jurisdiction to entertain the appeal.

Accordingly, the appeal is ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed November 24, 1999.

Panel consists of Justices Yates, Fowler, and Frost.

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