

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

NO. 03-20-00268-CV

Mohammad Mahmood, Appellant

v.

John Ward, Susan Ward and Amanda Slahetka, Appellees

**FROM COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY
NO. 16-0124-CPSC1, THE HONORABLE SUZANNE BROOKS, JUDGE PRESIDING**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

On April 30, 2020, appellant Mohammad Mahmood filed a notice of appeal. Mahmood appeals from an “Order Modifying Prior Order in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship” signed by the trial court on March 28, 2018. Mahmood’s notice of appeal was due to be filed on or before April 17, **2018**. That deadline might have been extended until May 2, 2018, if Mahmood had filed either a notice of appeal with the trial court or a motion for extension of time with this Court within 15 days after the deadline for filing the notice of appeal. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 26.3; *Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617-18 (Tex. 1997) (“[O]nce the period for granting a motion for extension of time under Rule 41(a)(2) [now Rule 26.3] has passed, a party can no longer invoke the appellate court’s jurisdiction.”). Mahmood’s April 30, **2020** notice of appeal is untimely, and we therefore lack jurisdiction over this appeal. *See* Tex.

R. App. P. 25.1(b) (providing that filing notice of appeal invokes appellate court's jurisdiction), *id.* R. 2 (establishing that appellate court may not alter time for perfecting appeal in civil case).

After an initial review, the Clerk of this Court sent Mahmood a letter informing him that the Court appears to lack jurisdiction over the appeal for the reasons stated above and requesting a response informing us of any basis that exists for jurisdiction. To date, no response has been filed. Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. *See id.* R. 42.3(a).

Melissa Goodwin, Justice

Before Justices Goodwin, Kelly, and Smith

Dismissed for Want of Jurisdiction

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