

**Order filed July 16, 2020**



**In The**  
**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NO. 14-20-00478-CV**

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**PAUL STURGEON, Appellant**

**V.**

**DENNIS ROMERO, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the Co Civil Ct at Law No 1**  
**Harris County, Texas**  
**Trial Court Cause No. 1145949**

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**O R D E R**

This is an appeal from a judgment signed June 1, 2020. The notice of appeal was due July 1, 2020. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 26.1. Appellant, however, filed the notice of appeal on July 6, 2020, a date within 15 days of the due date for the notice of appeal. A motion for extension of time is necessarily implied when the perfecting instrument is filed within 15 days of its due date. *Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617 (Tex. 1997). Appellant did not file a motion to extend time to file the notice of appeal. While an extension may be implied, appellant is still

obligated to come forward with a reasonable explanation to support the late filing. *See Miller v. Greenpark Surgery Center Assocs., Ltd.*, 974 S.W.2d 805, 808 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 1998, no pet.).

Accordingly, we **ORDER** appellant to file a proper motion to extend time to file the notice of appeal on or before **10 days** after the date of this order. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 26.3;10.5(b). If appellant does not comply with this order, we will dismiss the appeal. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 42.3.

PER CURIAM

Panel Consists of Justices Chief Justice Frost and Justices Zimmerer and Poissant.