

## COURT OF APPEALS EIGHTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO, TEXAS

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Appeal from the
of El Paso County, Texas
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## ORDER

The Appellant's brief in the above styled and numbered cause was due May 7, 2020. As of this date, no brief or motion for extension of time to file the brief has been filed with this Court. Therefore, we have determined that a hearing is required. It is therefore ORDERED that the trial court conduct a hearing to determine whether Appellant wishes to continue the appeal and if Appellant has been deprived of effective assistance of counsel.

Based on current guidance from the Office of Court Administration, the Supreme Court of Texas' Emergency Orders, and current social distancing state and local social distancing directives, the following procedure is established:

- The trial court is directed to hold a videoconference hearing on this matter, if feasible, by July 28, 2020. The trial court shall forward its findings to the District Clerk of El Paso County, Texas by August 7, 2020. The District Clerk shall prepare and forward a supplemental clerk's record containing the findings to this Court by August 17, 2020. The court reporter is directed to forward a copy of the transcript of this hearing to this Court by August 17, 2020.
- If it is not feasible for the trial court to hold a videoconferencing hearing on this matter by July 28, 2020, the trial court is directed to file a statement with this Court explaining the circumstances preventing the videoconference hearing from occurring. Prompt

communication with the Court regarding logistical issues via eFile and email will be greatly appreciated.

The trial court's statement may also include requests for reasonable accommodations, including but not limited to requests for an alternate hearing deadline, requests to excuse informalities in the record, requests to send original recordings of video proceedings in lieu of a reporter's record in the event a court reporter is unavailable, etc. This Court will entertain reasonable accommodation requests and will work with the trial court in resolving logistical issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2020.

PER CURIAM

Before Alley, C.J., Rodriguez and Palafox, JJ.