

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, April 15, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26A1481. KYLE RAMSEY v. KRISTINA RAMSEY.

After the trial court granted Kristina Ramsey a twelve-month protective order under the Family Violence Act, OCGA § 19-13-1 et seq., respondent Kyle Ramsey filed a notice of appeal in the trial court. We lack jurisdiction.

Appeals of orders in domestic relations cases — including actions arising under the Family Violence Act — must be initiated by filing an application for discretionary appeal in the appellate court. See OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(2), (b), (d); *Phaneuf v. Anthony*, 375 Ga. App. 636, 637 (917 SE2d 191) (2025); Court of Appeals Rule 31.¹ “Compliance with the discretionary appeals procedure is jurisdictional.” *Smoak v. Dep’t of Human Res.*, 221 Ga. App. 257, 257 (471 SE2d 60) (1996). Kyle’s failure to follow the required appellate procedure deprives us of jurisdiction over this direct appeal, which is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk’s Office, Atlanta, 04/15/2026

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

Christina Bailey Smith

, Clerk.

¹ Though Kyle states in his notice of appeal that he has filed an application for discretionary appeal in this Court, no such filing has been docketed in this Court.