

Appellate Court
Fort Peck Indian Reservation
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, Montana, 59255
PHONE 1-406-768-2400
FAX 1-406-768-3710

**FORT PECK COURT OF APPEALS
ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES
FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION
POPLAR, MONTANA**

FLORENCE FOURSTAR, Appellant vs FORT PECK TRIBES, Appellee	CAUSE NO. AP #703 ORDER DENYING APPEAL
---	---

Appeal from the Fort Peck Tribal Court, Marvin Youpee, Presiding Judge.

Appellant appeared *pro se*.

Appellee was represented by Adam Grainger, Fort Peck Tribal Prosecutor's Office
Before Smith, Chief Justice, and Shanley and Knudsen, Associate Justices.

¶1 This matter comes before this Court on a Notice of Appeal filed by
Appellant, Florence Fourstar on October 27, 2015 challenging the lower court's
denial of her petition for adoption of her grandson. Appellee, Fort Peck
Tribes, filed its objection to the appeal on November 16, 2016. In its objection,

the Tribes raised that the appeal was not timely filed and no error by the lower court was identified in the appeal.

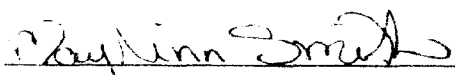
¶2 A review of the record reflects that the lower court issued its order in open court on September 27, 2015 and then signed the written order the same day. Appellant Fourstar was present at the time of the hearing and had opportunity to know of the court's order denying her petition for adoption. Appellant Fourstar's notice of appeal was not filed within the fifteen (15) days from the entry of judgment by the lower court in compliance with the tribal code. 2 CCOJ §207(a).

¶3 This Court declines to review the lower court matter due to the untimeliness of the appeal. This appeal is, hereby, **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED this 7th day of December 2016.

FORT PECK COURT OF APPEALS

BY


Maylinn Smith, Chief Justice


DANIEL P. KNUDSEN
Associate Justice


Erin Shanley, Associate Justice