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5 **IN THE HUALAPAI NATION COURT OF APPEALS**  
6 **HUALAPAI RESERVATION, ARIZONA**

7 ROBERT BRAVO, JR.,  
8 Appellant,

9 v.

10 WAYLON HONGA, VICTOR  
11 INGRAM,  
12 Appellees.

} App. Court Case No.: 2012-AP-004  
} Trial Court Case No.: 2011-CV-056  
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13 **ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

14 Appellant Robert Bravo, Jr., through his advocate Thomas A. Grover, filed a notice of  
15 appeal in this case on February 27, 2012. On that same day, Mr. Grover filed a notice of  
16 appearance stating that he would be acting as counsel of record for Appellant. This Court issued  
17 a Scheduling Order on April 17, 2012 in this appeal requiring Appellant to file an opening brief  
18 on or before April 27, 2012. Since that time, Appellant has not filed any brief or other pleading  
19 with the Court in this appeal.

20 The Hualapai Court of Appeals Rules of Appellate Procedure require parties who are  
21 represented by Tribal Court advocates to file briefs in all appeals. "Parties who are represented  
22 by professionally licensed attorneys or lay advocates are required to file briefs." Rule 11(b).  
23 Briefs are necessary to allow this Court and opposing parties the opportunity to properly prepare  
24 for and address all arguments raised in any appeal.


25 This requirement exists to ensure that opposing parties are adequately informed of  
26 the arguments to which they must respond, and that this Court is assisted in  
27 conducting its review. If an appellant files no brief, the appellee and this Court  
28 have only the Notice of Appeal. Yet under Rule 6(a)(i)(1) of the Rules of  
Appellate Procedure, the Notice of Appeal need only contain "a concise statement  
of the basis for [requesting appellate relief]," and "does not need to include an in-  
depth argument." Indeed, this Rule specifies that "a full argument can be supplied  
in the appellant's brief." Talieje's Notice of Appeal in this case provided only a  
brief listing of "alleged errors made by the Trial Court." This short statement of  
alleged errors was insufficient, by itself, to supply the basis for opposing  
arguments or to assist this court.

*Hualpai Tribe v. Talieje*, App. Ct. Case No. 2011-AP-006, Order Dismissing Appeal (Aug. 9, 2011).

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2 Here Appellant filed a notice of appeal that provided short statements of the issues raised  
3 for the appeal. This met the requirements of Appellate Court Rule 6(a)(i)(1). However more  
4 detail was needed through a brief to provide notice to the Court and the opposing parties of the  
5 full extent of the issues on appeal. Appellant specifically stated in his notice of appeal that he  
6 did not provide sufficient detail on the issues to be addressed. He stated, "BRAVO argues that  
7 the Trial Court erred when it ignored his right to be heard before an impartial party and that there  
8 were several relevant issues of Hualapai law and procedure that were overlooked and there  
9 assignment of error would have altered the outcome of this matter, which he reserves the right to  
10 raise these issues at a later date. BRAVO is currently waiting for audio recordings of the hearing  
11 in this matter." Appellant's Notice of Appeal at p. 3. Appellant appears to be stating that he  
12 needs to review the audio recordings of the hearing before he can provide more detail of his  
13 arguments on appeal. Once Appellant refined his arguments, he needed to present them to the  
14 Court and the opposing parties by stating them in a brief that he was required to file with the  
15 Court. Appellant failed to do so.

16 Appellant has not filed any pleading with the Court following the issuance of the  
17 Scheduling Order. He did not request any type of continuance. Based on Appellant's failure to  
18 prosecute this matter in accordance with this Court's rules, this appeal is hereby dismissed. The  
19 hearing scheduled for this appeal on June 15, 2012 is cancelled.

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21 IT IS SO ORDERED

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24 WES WILLIAMS JR.  
25 CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE  
26 HUALAPAI COURT OF APPEALS

27 Dated: June 12, 2012.  
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