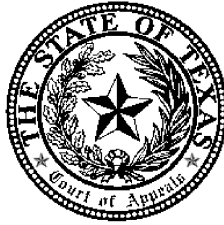


Dismissed and Opinion filed April 4, 2002.



In The
Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-02-00102-CR

TAHJ KARRIEM BRYANT, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 208th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 846,304**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

After a guilty plea to the offense of deadly conduct, the trial court deferred a finding of guilt and placed appellant on community supervision for six years. The State filed a motion to adjudicate, alleging appellant failed to comply with the terms and conditions of his community supervision. The trial court granted the State's motion, found appellant guilty, and sentenced him to six years' confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice–Institutional Division on November 21, 2001. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until December 31, 2001.

A defendant's notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after sentence is imposed when the defendant has not filed a motion for new trial. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.2(a)(1). A notice of appeal which complies with the requirements of Rule 26 is essential to vest the court of appeals with jurisdiction. *See Slaton v. State*, 981 S.W.2d 208, 210 (Tex. Crim. App. 1998). If an appeal is not timely perfected, a court of appeals does not obtain jurisdiction to address the merits of the appeal. Under those circumstances it can take no action other than to dismiss the appeal. *See id.*

Accordingly, the appeal is ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed April 4, 2002.

Panel consists of Justices Hudson, Fowler, and Edelman.

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