

Dismissed and Opinion filed June 21, 2001.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-01-00190-CR

LARRY WAYNE DODSON, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 262nd District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 766,772**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

On April 23, 1998, appellant entered a plea of no contest to the offense of sexual assault of a child. In accordance with the terms of a plea bargain agreement, the trial judge deferred adjudication of guilt and placed appellant on community supervision for ten years. On December 18, 2000, the State filed a motion to adjudicate guilt. Appellant entered a plea of true, and in accordance with an agreement with the State, the trial court assessed punishment at a fine of \$1,000 and confinement for seven years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Appellant filed a pro se notice of appeal. We dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

Appellant's appointed counsel filed a brief in which he concludes that the appeal is wholly frivolous and without merit. The brief meets the requirements of *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396 (1967), by presenting a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds to be advanced. See *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807 (Tex. Crim. App. 1978). We have reviewed the record and counsel's brief and agree that the appeal is without merit because we lack jurisdiction.

Appellant filed a general notice of appeal that did not comply with the requirements of Rule 25.2(b)(3) of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. See TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(b)(3). The requirements of Rule 25.2(b)(3) apply to an appeal from a judgment adjudicating guilt when, as in the present case, the State recommended deferred adjudication probation at the original plea. See *Watson v. State*, 924 S.W.2d 711, 714-15 (Tex. Crim. App. 1996). Because the time for filing a proper notice of appeal has expired, appellant may not file an amended notice of appeal to correct jurisdictional defects. *State v. Riewe*, 13 S.W.3d 408, 413-14 (Tex. Crim. App. 2000). Therefore, we are without jurisdiction to consider complaints concerning the adjudication of guilt.

Nor may we now consider any complaint concerning the original plea because those had to have been raised when deferred adjudication community supervision was first imposed. *Manuel v. State*, 994 S.W.2d 658, 661-62 (Tex. Crim. App. 1999). Moreover, in a plea-bargained felony case, when an appellant files a notice of appeal that does not comply with Rule 25.2(b)(3), the appellate court may not consider the issue of voluntariness of the plea. *Cooper v. State*, No. 1100-99, slip op. at 8, 2001 WL 321579 at * 1 (Tex. Crim. App. April 4, 2001).

Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

PER CURIAM

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed June 21, 2001.

Panel consists of Justices Edelman and Frost and Senior Chief Justice Murphy.¹

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¹ Senior Chief Justice Paul C. Murphy sitting by assignment.