

Dismissed and Opinion filed September 7, 2000.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-00-00993-CR

LIANDRO VEGA, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 184th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 828,027**

OPINION

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offense of attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child and sentenced to three years, six months in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice--Institutional Division on June 7, 2000. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until August 7, 2000.

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 on September 7, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Yates, Wittig, and Frost.

Do Not Publish — *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 47.3(b).