

**Dismissed and Opinion filed September 21, 2000.**



**In The**

**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NOS. 14-00-00990-CR, 14-00-00991-CR, &  
14-00-00992-CR**  
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**PAUL CHRISTOPHER ROEMER, Appellant**

**V.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the 178th District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause Nos. 832,384; 832,582; & 820,858**

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**OPINION**

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of two counts of aggravated robbery and one count of indecency with a child. On May 18, 2000, the trial court sentenced appellant to thirty-five years on each robbery count and ten years on the indecency count. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until August 2, 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 21, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Yates, Wittig, and Frost.

Do Not Publish — *See* TEX.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