

Dismissed and Opinion filed October 25, 2001.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-01-00753-CR

MAURICE JOHN LONG-EDWARDS, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 1049080**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

After a nolo contendere, appellant was convicted of the offense of resisting arrest and sentenced to 365 days confinement in the Harris County Jail on March 14, 2001. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until April 19, 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 October 25, 2001.

Panel consists of Justices Yates, Edelman, and Wittig.

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