

Dismissed and Opinion filed October 26, 2000.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-00-01232-CR

JASON RAY SALINAS, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 179th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 725,894

OPINION

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offense of robbery and sentenced to 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division on August 9, 2000. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until September 15, 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 October 26, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Fowler, Edelman and Hudson.

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