

Dismissed and Opinion filed November 4, 1999.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

**NO. 14-98-01406-CR
NO. 14-98-01407-CR
NO. 14-98-01408-CR**

MAURICE LESTER HALL, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 208th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause Nos. 795,340; 795,339; and 793,614**

OPINION

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offense of delivery of a controlled substance and sentenced to 14 months confinement on October 20, 1998. A motion to correct the judgment and sentence was filed on December 10, 1998, but this motion does not constitute a motion for new trial and was not timely filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until December 10, 1998.

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 November 4, 1999.

Panel consists of Justices Yates, Fowler, and Frost.

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