

**Dismissed and Opinion filed December 2, 1999.**



**In The**

**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NO. 14-98-00645-CR**  
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**JAMARCUS AHMAUD NICKERSON, Appellant**

**V.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the 176<sup>th</sup> District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. 616,474**

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**OPINION**

Appellant, Jamarcus Ahmaud Nickerson, pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery, without an agreed recommendation as to punishment. The trial court assessed punishment at ten years deferred adjudication. The State later moved to adjudicate guilt. The judge found the allegations true, and assessed punishment at forty years confinement. In his sole point of error, appellant contends that his plea was involuntary because he was not informed that he would lose the right to vote. We dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

A defendant placed on deferred adjudication probation may raise issues relating to the original plea proceedings only in appeals taken when deferred adjudication probation is first imposed. *See Manuel*

*v. State*, 994 S.W.2d 658, 661-62 (Tex. Crim. App.1999); *Clark v. State*, 997 S.W.2d 365, 368 (Tex. App.–Dallas 1999, no pet.) (op. on reh'g). Here, appellant could have appealed from the order placing him on deferred adjudication probation, but failed to do so. Therefore, we do not have jurisdiction to address his complaint. Accordingly, we dismiss appellant's sole point of error.

Furthermore, when a defendant is fully advised of the direct consequences of his plea, his ignorance of a collateral consequence does not render the plea involuntary. *Ex parte Morrow*, 952 S.W.2d 530, 536 (Tex. Crim. App. 1997). A consequence is collateral if it is not a definite, practical consequence of a defendant's guilty plea. *Id.* Loss of the right to vote is not a direct consequence of a defendant's guilty plea. *See State v. Vasquez*, 889 S.W.2d 588, 590 (Tex. App.–Houston [14<sup>th</sup> Dist.] 1994, no pet.). The trial court did not have to inform appellant that he could lose his right to vote.

We hold that we have no jurisdiction to address appellant's complaint and thereby dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

/s/ Sam Robertson  
Justice

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed December 2, 1999.

Panel consists of Justices Robertson, Cannon, and Lee.\*

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\* Senior Justices Sam Robertson, Bill Cannon, and Norman Lee sitting by assignment.