

Affirmed and Opinion filed January 20, 2000.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-98-01352-CR

NICK RIOS RODRIGUEZ, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 178th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 778, 971**

OPINION

Nick Rios Rodriguez was sentenced to eighteen years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice–Institutional Division after pleading guilty to an aggravated sexual assault charge. Rodriguez appeals his conviction claiming the trial court failed to properly admonish him regarding his citizenship rights. Because the record contains evidence he was properly admonished, we affirm.

Rodriguez initialed the following written admonishment given by the trial judge: “[I]f you are not a citizen of the United States of America, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for the offense with which you are charged in this case may result in your deportation, or exclusion from admission to this country, or your denial of naturalization under federal law.” Rodriguez and his attorney signed the admonishments stating

he understood the admonishments and was aware of the consequences of his plea. *See* TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. ANN. art. 26.13(d). Accordingly, we hold the trial court properly admonished Rodriguez regarding his citizenship rights and affirm the trial court's judgment.

/s/ Norman Lee
Justice

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed January 20, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Lee, Cannon, and Draughn.*

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* Senior Justices Norman Lee, Bill Cannon, and Joe L. Draughn sitting by assignment.