

**Affirmed and Opinion filed February 3, 2000.**



**In The**

**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NO. 14-97-00496-CR**

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**ROBIN ELAINE HILL, Appellant**

**V.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the County Criminal Court at Law No. 8  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause Nos. 97-13821 & 97-13820**

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**OPINION**

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offenses of theft and failure to identify, and sentenced to ninety days in the Harris County Jail on April 2, 1997. On April 23, 1997, appellant filed a written notice of appeal.

On November 18, 1999, this court ordered a hearing to determine why appellant's counsel had not filed a brief in either appeal. On December 14, 1999, the trial court conducted the hearing. The trial court's findings and recommendations were filed in this court on December 16, 1999.

Appellant's counsel and counsel for the state appeared at the hearing, but appellant did not. The trial court found that appellant had personal notice of the hearing, and that she has done nothing to further prosecute, or assist in the further prosecution of her appeals since giving notice of her appeal. The trial court also found that appellant had failed to provide her counsel with a direct means of communicating with her. Based upon these findings, the trial court concluded appellant had abandoned her appeals.

On the basis of those findings, this court has considered the appeal without briefs. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(b). We find no fundamental error.

Accordingly, the judgment of the trial court is affirmed.

PER CURIAM

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed February 3, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Sears, Cannon, and Draughn.\*

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\* Senior Justices Ross A. Sears, Bill Cannon, and Joe L. Draughn sitting by assignment.