

Dismissed and Opinion filed June 8, 2000.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NOS. 14-99-01256-CR
14-99-01257-CR
14-99-01260-CR

JUAN HERMILO MEJIA, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 272nd District Court
Bryan County, Texas
Trial Court Cause Nos. 26,946-272; 26,940-272; 26,943-272;**

OPINION

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offenses of possession of a prohibited weapon and deadly conduct and sentenced on July 22, 1999, to eight years of confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until September 3, 1999.

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 June 8, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Fowler, Edelman, and Senior Justice Ross A. Sears.¹

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¹Senior Justice Ross A. Sears sitting by assignment.