

**Dismissed and Opinion filed September 23, 1999.**



**In The**

**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

-----  
**NO. 14-99-01011-CR**  
-----

**ROBERT GARDNER TAYLOR, Appellant**

**V.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

---

**On Appeal from the 232nd District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. 798,142**

---

**OPINION**

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offense of aggravated robbery and sentenced to forty years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice–Institutional Division on June 14, 1999. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant’s notice of appeal was not filed until August 30, 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 September 23, 1999.

Panel consists of Justices Amidei, Edelman, and Wittig.

DO NOT PUBLISH - TEX. R. APP. P. 47.3(b).