

Dismissed and Opinion filed November 29, 2001.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

**NOS. 14-01-00990-CR, 14-01-00991-CR,
& 14-01-00992-CR**

RICHARD D. FLORES, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 344th District Court
Chambers County, Texas
Trial Court Cause Nos. 11031, 11033, & 11036**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

After guilty pleas, appellant was convicted of the offenses of aggravated sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child, and retaliation. The trial court sentenced appellant on November 21, 2000, respectively, to twelve years, ten years, and ten years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice--Institutional Division, with sentences to run concurrently. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until October 10, 2001.

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 November 29, 2001.

Panel consists of Justices Yates, Edelman, and Wittig.

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