

Dismissed and Opinion filed March 22, 2001.

In The
Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-01-00151-CR

ANDREW LEE, JR., Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 338th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 419,314**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offense of theft and sentenced to three years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice--Institutional Division on April 3, 1985. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until December 1, 2000.

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 March 22, 2001.

Panel consists of Justices Anderson, Hudson, and Seymore.

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