

Dismissed and Opinion filed October 12, 2000.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

**NOS. 14-99-00236-CR;
14-99-00237-CR;
14-99-00238-CR**

LARRY WAYNE RICHARD, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 185th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause Nos. 758,225; 758,223; 758,224**

OPINION

In trial court cause number 758,224, a jury trial was held and appellant was convicted of the offense of aggravated sexual assault of a child. For this offense, appellant was sentenced on December 5, 1997, to 25 years' incarceration in Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division.

In trial court cause numbers, 758,223 and 758,225, appellant pled guilty and was convicted of the offense of aggravated sexual assault of a child and sentenced on April 13, 1998, to 30 years' incarceration

in Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division. The sentences in these two cause numbers was to run concurrently.

No motion for new trial was filed in any of these three appeals. Appellant's notices of appeal were not filed until March 9, 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 October 12, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Anderson, Fowler, and Edelman.

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