

Dismissed and Opinion filed February 24, 2000.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-00-00197-CR

CASSANDRA FAYE LEE, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 248th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 829,067**

O P I N I O N

After a guilty plea, appellant was convicted of the offense of delivery of a controlled substance by actual transfer and sentenced to 18 months in state jail on December 15, 1999. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's pro se notice of appeal was not filed until February 8, 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 February 24, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Yates, Fowler, and Edelman.

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