



COURT OF APPEALS  
EIGHTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
EL PASO, TEXAS

EMMANUEL DAVI'YON MIMS,

Appellant,

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Appellee.

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No. 08-20-00113-CR

Appeal from the

104th District Court

of Taylor County, Texas

(TC# 21197B)<sup>1</sup>

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Emmanuel Davi'Yon Mims, pro se, is attempting to appeal his conviction for felony possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. Finding that Appellant did not timely file his notice of appeal, we dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

A timely notice of appeal is necessary to invoke this Court's jurisdiction. *Olivo v. State*, 918 S.W.2d 519, 522 (Tex.Crim.App. 1996). In a criminal case, a defendant's notice of appeal is due within thirty days after the day sentence is imposed in open court, or ninety days after the sentence is imposed in open court if the defendant timely files a motion for new trial. *See*

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<sup>1</sup> We hear this case on transfer from the Eleventh Court of Appeals in Eastland. *See* TEX.R.APP.P. 41.3.

TEX.R.APP.P. 26.2(a)(1), (2). While a court of appeals may extend the time to file the notice of appeal, both the notice of appeal and the extension motion must be filed within fifteen days after the deadline for filing the notice of appeal. *See* TEX.R.APP.P. 26.3. In the absence of a timely filed notice of appeal, a court of appeals does not have jurisdiction to address the merits of the appeal in a criminal case and can take no action other than to dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. *See Slaton v. State*, 981 S.W.2d 208, 210 (Tex.Crim.App. 1998).

Here, the judgment of conviction shows that Mims was sentenced on September 13, 2019. According to the unsworn declaration contained on his notice of appeal, Mims sent his notice of appeal via mail to the Eleventh Court of Appeals on March 20, 2020 (189 days after sentence was imposed), and it was received April 2, 2020 (202 days after sentence was imposed).

Mims' notice of appeal was not timely filed, meaning that this Court does not have jurisdiction to entertain a direct appeal from his conviction at this point in time. To the extent Mims is requesting the remedy of an out-of-time appeal, only the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has jurisdiction to grant Appellant an out-of-time appeal of his felony convictions. *See Ater v. Eighth Court of Appeals*, 802 S.W.2d 241 (Tex.Crim.App. 1991) (explaining that writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Article 11.07 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure governs out-of-time appeals from felony convictions).

Accordingly, we dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

GINA M. PALAFOX, Justice

June 26, 2020

Before Alley, C.J., Rodriguez, and Palafox, JJ.

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