

**Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed October 20, 2016.**



**In The**

**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NO. 14-16-00781-CR**

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**RONNEY EARL WILLIAMS, Appellant**

**V.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the 232nd District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. 1476283**

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**M E M O R A N D U M    O P I N I O N**

Appellant entered a guilty plea to attempted forgery of a government instrument. In accordance with the terms of a plea bargain agreement with the State, the trial court sentenced appellant on March 14, 2016, to confinement for eleven months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Appellant filed a pro se notice of appeal. On July 7, 2016, this court dismissed appellant's appeal on the grounds that appellant entered into a plea

bargain and had no right to appeal. On September 16, 2016, appellant filed a pro se notice of appeal in an apparent attempt to appeal this court's decision dismissing his appeal.

A defendant's notice of appeal must be filed within 30 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 that complies with the requirements of Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 26 is essential to vest the court of appeals with jurisdiction. *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. *Id.*

Moreover, this court does not have jurisdiction over an appeal of its own opinion. *See generally* Tex. R. App. P. 66.1 (Court of Criminal Appeals may review a court of appeals' decision in a criminal case). Because this appeal does not fall within the exceptions to the general rule that appeal may be taken only from a final judgment of conviction, we have no jurisdiction. Even if we were to treat appellant's appeal as a motion for rehearing, it is untimely. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 49.1.

Accordingly, the appeal is ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Chief Justice Frost and Justices Boyce and Christopher.  
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