

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

NO. 03-14-00447-CR

James Eric Grant, Appellant

v.

The State of Texas, Appellee

**FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF BELL COUNTY, 264TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NO. 67168, THE HONORABLE MARTHA J. TRUDO, JUDGE PRESIDING**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Appellant James Eric Grant seeks to appeal from a judgment adjudicating him guilty of possession of a controlled substance. *See* Tex. Code Crim. Proc. art. 42.12, §§ 5(b), 21, 23; Tex. Health & Safety Code § 482.115. Sentence was imposed on June 6, 2014. No motion for new trial was filed. Therefore, the deadline for perfecting appeal was July 7, 2014. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 26.2(a)(1). Appellant filed his notice of appeal on July 17, 2014. No extension of time for filing the notice of appeal was requested. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 26.3. Thus, appellant's notice of appeal, filed 41 days after sentence was imposed, is untimely. Absent a timely filed notice of appeal, we do not obtain 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); *Olivo v. State*, 918 S.W.2d 519, 522–23 (Tex. Crim. App. 1996). Accordingly, we dismiss this appeal for want of jurisdiction.

Melissa Goodwin, Justice

Before Chief Justice Jones, Justices Rose and Goodwin

Dismissed for Want of Jurisdiction

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