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In The Court of Appeals Hifth District of Texas at Dallas

No. 05-21-00648-CR

MARCO XAVIER RAMIREZ, Appellant V. THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 296th Judicial District Court Collin County, Texas Trial Court Cause No. 296-82985-2020

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before Justices Molberg, Nowell, and Goldstein Opinion by Justice Nowell

On July 20, 2021, Marco Xavier Ramirez filed a pro se notice of appeal, seeking to challenge his conviction for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. We dismiss this appeal for want of jurisdiction.

The clerk's record shows that appellant, who was represented by counsel, entered into a negotiated plea bargain with the State. Under the terms, appellant agreed to plead guilty to aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, a firearm, and true to the enhancement paragraph in exchange for the State's agreement to recommend punishment at forty years. As further consideration for the plea bargain, appellant waived his right to appeal. *See Blanco v. State*, 18 S.W.3d 218, 219–20

(Tex. Crim. App. 2000). The trial court accepted appellant's guilty plea, found

appellant guilty, and, following the plea agreement, assessed punishment, enhanced

by a prior felony conviction, at forty years in prison. The trial court prepared and

signed a rule 25.2(d) certification of the right to appeal stating this "is a plea-bargain

case, and [appellant] has NO right to appeal" and appellant "has waived the right of

appeal." See TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(d). In addition, the trial court noted in the

judgment, "APPEAL WAIVED. NO PERMISSION TO APPEAL GRANTED."

The certification is supported by the documents before the Court. See Dears v. State,

154 S.W.3d 610, 614–15 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005). Because appellant waived his

right to appeal under the clear terms of the plea agreement, we conclude we lack

jurisdiction. See TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(a), (d); Lundgren v. State, 434 S.W.3d 594,

599 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014) (when appellant voluntarily waives right of appeal to

secure benefits of plea bargain agreement, subsequent notice of appeal fails to

"initiate the appellate process").

We dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

/Erin A. Nowell//

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JUSTICE

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Court of Appeals Fifth District of Texas at Dallas

JUDGMENT

MARCO XAVIER RAMIREZ, On Appeal from the 296th Judicial District Court, Collin County, Texas Appellant

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2020.

Opinion delivered by Justice Nowell.

Justices Molberg and Goldstein THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

participating.

Based on the Court's opinion of this date, we **DISMISS** this appeal.

Judgment entered this 21st day of October, 2021.