

Opinion issued December 29, 2011.



In The
Court of Appeals
For The
First District of Texas

NO. 01-11-00863-CR

LONNIE MERRITT, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 183rd District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 1275911**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Appellant, Lonnie Merritt, pleaded guilty to the state jail felony of theft from a person and pleaded “true” to the allegation in one felony enhancement paragraph. The trial court found appellant guilty, found the enhancement true, and, in

accordance with the terms of appellant's plea agreement with the State, sentenced appellant to five years' confinement. Appellant filed a pro se notice of appeal. We dismiss the appeal.

In a plea bargain case, a defendant may appeal only those matters that were raised by written motion filed and ruled on before trial, or after getting the trial court's permission to appeal. TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(a)(2). An appeal must be dismissed if a certification showing that the defendant has the right of appeal has not been made part of the record. TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(d).

Here, the trial court's certification is included in the record on appeal. *See id.* The trial court's certification states that this is a plea bargain case and that the defendant has no right of appeal. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(a)(2). Appellant did not appeal any pre-trial matters, and the trial court did not give permission for appellant to appeal. The record supports the trial court's certification. *See Dears v. State*, 154 S.W.3d 610, 615 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005). Because appellant has no right of appeal, we must dismiss this appeal. *See Chavez v. State*, 183 S.W.3d 675, 680 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006) ("A court of appeals, while having jurisdiction to ascertain whether an appellant who plea-bargained is permitted to appeal by Rule 25.2(a)(2), must dismiss a prohibited appeal without further action, regardless of the basis for the appeal.").

Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. All pending motions are dismissed as moot.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Keyes, Higley, and Massengale.

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