

Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed January 12, 2016.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-15-01056-CR

SHEDRICK HEMPHILL, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 248th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 1453807**

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

After a plea of guilty, appellant was convicted of the offense of impersonating a public servant, namely, a peace officer and sentenced to confinement for five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on October 12, 2015. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's pro se notice of appeal was not filed until December 2, 2015.

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 which complies with the requirements of Rule 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.*

Accordingly, the appeal is ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Jamison, Donovan and Brown.

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