

Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed March 10, 2016.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-16-00018-CR

RANULFO CASTRO, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 184th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 1320574**

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 enticing a child with the intent to commit a felony and sentenced to confinement for two years and six months on November 29, 2012. No motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until May 21, 2013.¹

¹ The notice of appeal was not filed in this court until January 12, 2016.

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 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 Christopher, McCally and Busby.

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