

**Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed April 4, 2017.**



**In The**

**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NO. 14-17-00039-CR**

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**STEPHON ARNOLD, Appellant**

**V.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the 177th District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. 1505422**

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

Appellant entered a guilty plea to the offense of manufacture or delivery of less than one gram of cocaine. In accordance with the terms of a plea bargain, on July 21, 2016, the trial court deferred adjudication of guilt and placed appellant on deferred adjudication community supervision for two years. No timely motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was not filed until October 3, 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.*

In addition, the trial court entered a certification of the defendant's right to appeal in which the court certified that this is a plea bargain case, and the defendant has no right of appeal. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 25.2(a)(2). The trial court's certification is included in the record on appeal. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 25.2(d). The record supports the trial court's certification. *See Dears v. State*, 154 S.W.3d 610, 615 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005).

Accordingly, the appeal is ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Christopher, Busby, and Jewell.  
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