

Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed May 2, 2017.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

**NO. 14-17-00108-CR
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RONALD DWAYNE WHITFIELD, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 337th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause Nos. 525468 and 528856**

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

On April 19, 1989, appellant Ronald Dwayne Whitfield was convicted of theft and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, probated, in trial cause number 525468. On August 11, 1989, appellant was convicted of burglary of a motor vehicle with intent to commit theft and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in trial cause number 528856. No timely motion for new trial was filed in either cause. Appellant's notices of appeal were not filed until January 30, 2017.

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 appeals are ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Boyce, Jamison, and Brown.
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