

Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed June 1, 2017.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-17-00120-CR

RONALD DWAYNE WHITFIELD, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 351st District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 492674**

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

On February 18, 1988, appellant Ronald Dwayne Whitfield pleaded guilty to the offense of theft. The trial court deferred adjudication of guilt and placed appellant on deferred-adjudication probation for one year. No timely motion for new trial was filed. Appellant's notice of appeal was 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 Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 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 Chief Justice Frost and Justices Jamison and Busby.
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