NO. 07-04-0052-CR

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

AT AMARILLO

PANEL A

MAY 18, 2004

LUCIO ROMAN CARRASCO, APPELLANT

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, APPELLEE

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FROM THE 251ST DISTRICT COURT OF POTTER COUNTY;
NO. 46,805-C; HONORABLE PATRICK A. PIRTLE, JUDGE

Before JOHNSON, C.J., and REAVIS and CAMPBELL, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Appellant Lucio Roman Carrasco appeals a conviction for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. We dismiss for want of jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

Appellant pled guilty to the charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Sentence was imposed on December 1, 2003. He did not file a motion for new trial. Notice of appeal was filed on February 6, 2004.

LAW

In a criminal case, appeal is perfected by timely filing a notice of appeal. Tex. R. App. P. 25.2(b). The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days after the day sentence is imposed or after the day the trial court enters an appealable order, unless a timely motion for new trial is filed. TRAP 26.2(a). The time for filing a notice of appeal may be extended for 15 days under certain circumstances. TRAP 26.3. If the time for filing a notice of appeal is to be extended, both a notice of appeal and a motion for extension of time which complies with TRAP 10.5(b) must be filed within the 15 day period. TRAP 26.3; Olivo v. State, 918 S.W.2d 519, 523-25 (Tex.Crim.App. 1996).

An untimely-filed notice of appeal will not invoke the jurisdiction of the court of appeals. See State v. Riewe, 13 S.W.2d 408, 411 (Tex.Crim.App. 2000). Thus, if an appeal is not timely perfected, a court of appeals does not have jurisdiction to address the merits of the appeal, and can take no action other than to dismiss the appeal. Slaton v. State, 981 S.W.2d 208, 210 (Tex.Crim.App. 1998); Olivo, 918 S.W.2d at 523-25.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Appellant's notice of appeal was not timely filed. A motion to extend time to file the notice of appeal was not filed. Accordingly, this court does not have jurisdiction over the appeal. <u>Slaton</u>, 981 S.W.2d at 210; <u>Olivo</u>, 918 S.W.2d at 523.

The appeal is dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Tex. R. App. P. 39.8, 40.2, 43.2.

Phil Johnson Chief Justice

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