

NO. 12-19-00014-CR

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

TYLER, TEXAS

***MORRIS LOUIS COMPTON,
APPELLANT***

§ ***APPEAL FROM THE 114TH***

V.

§ ***JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT***

***THE STATE OF TEXAS,
APPELLEE***

§ ***SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS***

***MEMORANDUM OPINION
PER CURIAM***

Morris Louis Compton appeals from his conviction for theft of property in an amount more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000, to which he pleaded “guilty” and received a sentence of eight years in prison with credit for time served. According to the trial court’s certification, this “is a plea-bargain case, and the defendant has no right of appeal.” The certification further states that Appellant waived the right to appeal. The certification was signed by Appellant and his counsel. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(d). The clerk’s record contains a waiver of appeal signed by Appellant and his counsel.

When the defendant is the appellant, the record must include the trial court’s certification of the defendant’s right of appeal. *Id.* This Court must dismiss an appeal “if a certification that shows the defendant has the right of appeal has not been made part of the record.” *Id.* Based on our review of the clerk’s record, the trial court’s certification appears to accurately state that Appellant does not have the right to appeal. *See Dears v. State*, 154 S.W.3d 610 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005) (holding that court of appeals should review clerk’s record to determine whether trial court’s certification is accurate). This Court must dismiss an appeal “if a certification that shows the defendant has the right of appeal has not been made part of the record.” TEX. R. APP. P. 25.2(d). Because the trial court did not grant Appellant the right to appeal his conviction, we *dismiss* the appeal.

Opinion delivered February 14, 2019.
Panel consisted of Worthen, C.J., Hoyle, J., and Neeley, J.

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FEBRUARY 14, 2019

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Appellee

Appeal from the 114th District Court
of Smith County, Texas (Tr.Ct.No. 114-1229-18)

THIS CAUSE came to be heard on the appellate record; and the same being considered, it is the opinion of this Court that this appeal should be dismissed.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by this Court that this appeal be, and the same is, hereby **dismissed**; and that this decision be certified to the court below for observance.

By *per curiam* opinion.

Panel consisted of Worthen, C.J., Hoyle, J. and Neeley, J.