

NO. 12-20-00066-CR

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

TYLER, TEXAS

***PAUL DEWAYNE THIBODEAUX,
APPELLANT***

§ ***APPEAL FROM THE 3RD***

V.

§ ***JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT***

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

§ ***ANDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS***

***MEMORANDUM OPINION
PER CURIAM***

Paul Dewayne Thibodeaux, acting pro se, appeals from his conviction for aggravated assault in trial court cause number 30234-A. Under the rules of appellate procedure, the notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after the sentence is imposed or suspended in open court, or after the day the trial court enters an appealable order; or within ninety days if the defendant timely files a motion for new trial. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.2(a). Rule 26.3 provides that an appellate court may extend the time to file the notice of appeal if, within fifteen days after the filing deadline, the party “(a) files in the trial court the notice of appeal; and (b) files in the appellate court a motion complying with Rule 10.5(b).” TEX. R. APP. P. 26.3. In this case, sentence was imposed on June 17, 2010. Appellant filed his notice of appeal on February 27, 2020, long after the time for filing a notice of appeal under Rule 26.2(a) or for seeking a motion to extend under Rule 26.3.

On February 27, this Court notified Appellant that the information received failed to show the jurisdiction of the Court, i.e., there was no notice of appeal filed within the time allowed by the rules of appellate procedure and no timely motion for an extension of time to file the notice of appeal. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.2, 26.3. We informed Appellant that the appeal would be dismissed unless the information was amended on or before March 9 to show this Court’s jurisdiction. On

March 13, Appellant filed a largely illegible motion for extension, but the motion does not show this Court's jurisdiction.

“[I]n Texas, appeals by either the State or the defendant in a criminal case are permitted only when they are specifically authorized by statute.” *State ex rel. Lykos v. Fine*, 330 S.W.3d 904, 915 (Tex. Crim. App. 2011). This Court is not authorized to extend the time for perfecting an appeal except as provided by the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.¹ See TEX. R. APP. P. 26.2, 26.3; see also *Slaton v. State*, 981 S.W.2d 208, 210 (Tex. Crim. App. 1998); *Olivo v. State*, 918 S.W.2d 519, 522 (Tex. Crim. App. 1996). Accordingly, we *dismiss* Appellant's appeal for *want of jurisdiction*. See TEX. R. APP. P. 43.2(f).

Opinion delivered March 18, 2020.

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

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¹ Only the court of criminal appeals has jurisdiction to grant an out-of-time appeal. See *Ater v. Eighth Court of Appeals*, 802 S.W.2d 241, 243 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991); see also *Kossie v. State*, No. 01-16-00738-CR, 2017 WL 631842, at *1-2 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] Feb. 16, 2017, no pet. h.) (mem. op., not designated for publication) (dismissing for lack of jurisdiction because appellant could not pursue out of time appeal without permission from court of criminal appeals); see TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. ANN. art 11.07 § 3(a) (West 2005).



COURT OF APPEALS

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JUDGMENT

MARCH 18, 2020

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Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Appellee

Appeal from the 3rd District Court
of Anderson County, Texas (Tr.Ct.No. 30234-A)

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard on the appellate record, and the same being considered, it is the opinion of this Court that it is without jurisdiction of the appeal, and that the appeal should be dismissed.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by this Court that this appeal be, and the same is, hereby **dismissed for want of jurisdiction**; 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.