

**NO. 12-20-00238-CR**

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT**

**TYLER, TEXAS**

***JUSTIN STEPHEN WEST,  
APPELLANT***

***§ APPEAL FROM THE 188TH***

***V.***

***§ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT***

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

***§ GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS***

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***MEMORANDUM OPINION  
PER CURIAM***

This appeal is being dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Justin Stephen West, acting pro se, filed a notice of appeal to challenge his conviction in trial court cause number 48792-A. Sentence was imposed on October 21, 2019. Under the rules of appellate procedure, the notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after the sentence is imposed or within ninety days after sentence is imposed if the defendant timely files a motion for new trial. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 26.2(a). Rule 26.3 provides that a motion to extend the time for filing a notice of appeal must be filed within fifteen days after the deadline for filing the notice of appeal. TEX. R. APP. P. 26.3. In this case, Appellant filed his notice of appeal on October 13, 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 October 13, 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 October 23 to show this Court's jurisdiction. This deadline passed without a response from Appellant.

“[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.<sup>1</sup> 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 October 30, 2020.

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

*Neeley, J., not participating*

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<sup>1</sup> 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

### TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT OF TEXAS

#### JUDGMENT

OCTOBER 30, 2020

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JUSTIN STEPHEN WEST,  
Appellant  
V.  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
Appellee

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Appeal from the 188th District Court  
of Gregg County, Texas (Tr.Ct.No. 48792-A)

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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. and Hoyle, J.*  
*Neeley, J., not participating.*