

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Olneshlia Willis v. The State of Texas

No. 10-25-00480-CR · No. 10-25-00480-CR · Decided January 8, 2026

SUMMARY

The Tenth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Olneshlia Willis’s appeal from two adjudications of guilt for want of jurisdiction. The court held that her notice of appeal, filed more than 30 days after sentencing, was untimely under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 26.2(a)(1).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Tenth Appellate District of Texas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Justice Steve Smith; Chief Justice Johnson; Justice Harris
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the Tenth Appellate District of Texas
DECIDED	January 8, 2026
DOCKET	10-25-00480-CR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from two adjudications of guilt and sentences imposed by the 19th District Court of McLennan County, Texas.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the jurisdictional deadline for filing a criminal notice of appeal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential; opinion states "Do not publish."
PARTIES	Olneshlia Willis v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals had jurisdiction when the notice of appeal was filed more than thirty days after sentence was imposed or suspended in open court.

HOLDINGS

1. A criminal notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after sentence is imposed or suspended in open court when no applicable exception extends the deadline; because Willis's notice was untimely, the court lacked jurisdiction over the appeal.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“As applicable to this proceeding, the notice of appeal must have been filed within 30 days after the sentence is imposed or suspended in open court.”

“Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The trial court entered two adjudications of guilt and imposed sentences on October 14, 2025. Willis later sent a pro se letter asking to appeal, but the filing occurred more than thirty days after sentence was imposed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The trial court imposed and signed sentences on October 14, 2025. Willis filed a pro se letter seeking to appeal on November 26, 2025, which the clerk filed on December 10, 2025. After the appellate clerk notified her that the notice appeared untimely and requested a response establishing jurisdiction, no response was filed, and the court dismissed the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Court of Appeals Tenth Appellate District of Texas 10-25-00480-CR Olneshlia Willis, Appellant v. The State of Texas, Appellee On appeal from the 19th District Court of McLennan County, Texas Judge Thomas C. West, presiding Trial Court Cause No. 2016-1316-C1 JUSTICE SMITH delivered the opinion of the Court. MEMORANDUM OPINION Appellant appeals from two adjudications of guilt for which her sentences were imposed on October 14, 2025 and signed by the trial court on that same date.

Appellant wrote a pro se letter to the trial court on November 26, 2025, which was filed by the trial court clerk on December 10, 2025, asking to appeal the judgments of the trial court. By letter from the Clerk of this Court, Appellant was informed that the notice of appeal appears to have been untimely and asked for a response to establish how this Court has jurisdiction over the appeal.

No response has been received. As applicable to this proceeding, the notice of appeal must have been filed within 30 days after the sentence is imposed or suspended in open court. TEX. R. APP. P. 26.2(a)(1). The notice of appeal was not timely.

Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed for want of jurisdiction. See TEX. R. APP. P. 26.2(a)(1). STEVE SMITH Justice OPINION DELIVERED and FILED: January 8, 2026 Before Chief Justice Johnson, Justice Smith, and Justice Harris Appeal dismissed Do not publish CR25 Willis v. State Page 2