

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AT FORT WORTH

Cameron Marquette Lewis v. the State of Texas

No. 02-25-00454-CR · No. No. 02-25-00454-CR · Decided January 15, 2026

SUMMARY

The Second Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Cameron Marquette Lewis’s appeal from a driving-while-intoxicated conviction for want of jurisdiction. The court held that Lewis’s notice of appeal and motion for extension were untimely, and noted that the plea-bargain case independently lacked appellate jurisdiction under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 25.2(d).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Second Appellate District of Texas at Fort Worth
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Brian Walker; Sudderth, C.J.; Kerr, J.; Walker, J.
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the Second Appellate District of Texas at Fort Worth
DECIDED	January 15, 2026
DOCKET	No. 02-25-00454-CR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Lewis appealed his conviction for driving while intoxicated following a plea bargain. The court of appeals dismissed the appeal for want of jurisdiction because his notice of appeal was untimely.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed its appellate jurisdiction under the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential memorandum opinion; marked Do Not Publish under Tex. R. App. P. 47.2(b).
PARTIES	Cameron Marquette Lewis v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- final judgment rule
- plea bargaining
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals had jurisdiction over an appeal filed more than thirty days after sentencing when the defendant did not file a motion for new trial.
2. Whether an untimely motion for extension could cure the untimeliness of the notice of appeal.

HOLDINGS

1. A timely notice of appeal is essential to the court of appeals' jurisdiction, and because Lewis filed his notice of appeal after the applicable deadline, the court lacked jurisdiction and had to dismiss the appeal.
2. The motion for extension did not cure the untimely notice of appeal because it was itself filed outside the fifteen-day period permitted by Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 26.3.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Because Lewis’s appeal was untimely, and because a timely notice of appeal is an essential component of our jurisdiction, we dismiss this appeal for want of jurisdiction.” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Lewis was convicted of driving while intoxicated after entering into a plea bargain with the State. The trial court imposed sentence on May 16, 2025. Lewis filed no motion for new trial and did not file his notice of appeal until December 2, 2025, well after the June 16, 2025 deadline.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Lewis entered into a plea bargain and was sentenced on May 16, 2025, in County Criminal Court No. 9 of Tarrant County, Texas. He did not file a motion for new trial, so his notice of appeal was due June 16, 2025, but he filed it on December 2, 2025. The court notified him that the appeal appeared untimely; his subsequent motion for extension was also untimely. The court dismissed the appeal for want of jurisdiction.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Slaton v. State, 981 S.W.2d 208, 210 (Tex. Crim. App. 1998)