

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JAMES ANTHONY DAVIS,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
COUNTY OF CLARK; CLARK COUNTY  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE; AND  
HOWARD BROOKS, PUBLIC  
DEFENDER,  
Respondents.

No. 67703

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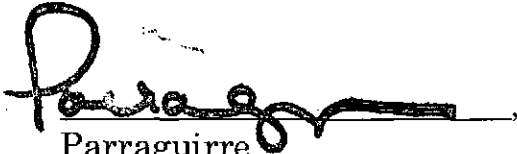
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*ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL*

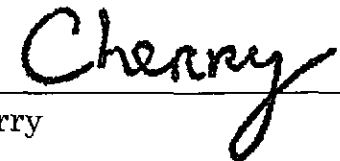
This is a pro se appeal from a district court decision dismissing a civil rights complaint for a failure of service. Our review of the documents before this court pursuant to NRAP 3(g) reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, it appears the district court has not yet entered a final written order, and the notice of appeal was prematurely filed. The district court held its hearing on March 12, 2015, at which time it dismissed the action pursuant to NRCP 4, but it does not appear to have entered a final written order. Thus, this appeal is premature and we lack jurisdiction over the appeal at this time. See NRAP 4(a)(6) (providing that "[a] premature notice of appeal does not divest the district court of jurisdiction" and that this court "may dismiss as premature a notice of appeal filed after the oral pronouncement of a decision or order but before entry of the written judgment or order"); *Rust v. Clark Cnty. Sch. Dist.*, 103 Nev. 686, 688-89, 747 P.2d 1380, 1381-82 (1987) (explaining that oral rulings are ineffective for appeal purposes and that a written order or judgment must be filed before a district court ruling can be appealed).

Appellant may file an appeal after an appealable, written order or judgment is filed. Because we lack jurisdiction over this appeal, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

  
Parraguirre, J.

  
Douglas, J.

  
Cherry, J.

cc: Hon. Richard Scotti, District Judge  
James Anthony Davis  
Clark County Public Defender  
Clark County District Attorney  
Eighth District Court Clerk