

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF: FREDRICA BALLARD,

No. 67797

FREDRICA CHARLEE BALLARD,
Appellant,

vs.

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT
OF FAMILY SERVICES,

Respondent.

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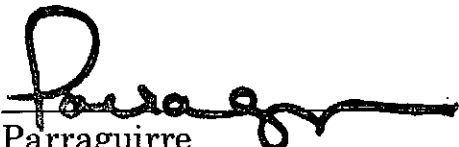
ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a pro se appeal from a district court order denying a motion to set aside a termination of parental rights. Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Court Division, Clark County; Frank P. Sullivan, Judge.

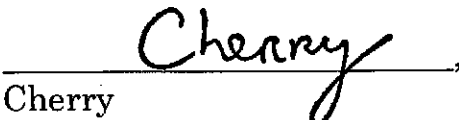
Our review of the documents before this court pursuant to NRAP 3(g) reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, it appears the district court has not yet entered a final written order, and the notice of appeal was prematurely filed. The district court held its hearing on April 1, 2015, at which time it issued its ruling. To date no written order appears to have been entered. 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 a minute order is ineffective for any purpose and cannot 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. Frank P. Sullivan, District Judge, Family Court Division
Fredrica Charlee Ballard
Clark County District Attorney/Juvenile Division
Eighth District Court Clerk