

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF S. H., A CHILD.

No. 69825

PETER JASON HELFRICH,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

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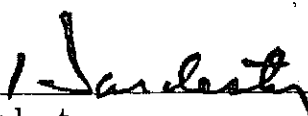
ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL


This is an appeal from a purported order of the district court terminating appellant's parental rights. Fifth Judicial District Court, Nye County; David R. Gamble, Judge.

Our initial review of the docketing statement and other documents before this court reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, the notice of appeal was prematurely filed because no written order has been entered by the district court terminating appellant's parental rights. See NRAP 4(a)(6); *Rust v. Clark Cnty. Sch. Dist.*, 103 Nev. 686, 688-89, 747 P.2d 1380, 1381-82 (1987). Accordingly, we conclude that we lack jurisdiction over this appeal, and we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.¹

, J.
Saitta

, J.
Hardesty

, J.
Pickering

¹In light of this order, appellant's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis is denied, as moot.

cc: Chief Judge, The Fifth Judicial District Court
Hon. David R. Gamble, Senior Judge
Peter Jason Helfrich
Nye County District Attorney
Nye County Clerk