## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DEBORAH K. EDWARDS, DECEASED.

CARL DEAN EDWARDS.

Appellant,

VS.

UNKNOWN

Respondent.

No. 70145

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## ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a pro se appeal from an order denying a petition to issue letters of administration. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Gloria Sturman, Judge.

Our review of the documents submitted to this court pursuant to NRAP 3(g) reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, the notice of appeal appears to have been prematurely filed under NRAP 4(a) because it appears that the district court has not entered a final written judgment resolving the petition. A notice of appeal filed before entry of a final written judgment is premature and of no effect. See NRAP 4(a)(1); Rust v. Clark Cty. School District, 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987). We conclude that we lack jurisdiction over this appeal, and we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

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cc: Hon. Gloria Sturman, District Judge Carl Dean Edwards Eighth District Court Clerk