

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DONNA STORSETH,
Appellant,

No. 36981

vs.

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DOUGLAS STORSETH,
Respondent.

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This proper person appeal challenges an order of the district court concerning child support and arrears. Having reviewed the record on appeal, we conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion.¹ Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.²

Maupin
_____, C.J.
Maupin

Young
_____, J.
Young

Leavitt
_____, J.
Leavitt

¹See Wallace v. Wallace, 112 Nev. 1015, 922 P.2d 541 (1996) (noting that matters of child support are within the discretion of the district court); NRS 125B.070(1)(b) (setting child support for one child at eighteen percent of an obligor's gross monthly income); NRS 125B.140 (providing that the district court has the authority to reduce child support arrears to judgment).

²This court has received and considered appellant's proper person motion for leave to file an opening brief. See NRAP 46. We deny the motion.

We note that the September 20, 2000 minute order reveals that the district court orally awarded respondent primary physical custody of the child. An appeal may be taken from an order that finally establishes or alters the custody of minor children. See NRAP 3A(b)(2). An appeal, however, must be filed after the entry of a written judgment or order. See NRAP 4(a)(1). "The district court's oral pronouncement from the bench, the clerk's minute order, and even an unfiled written order are ineffective for any purpose and cannot be appealed." Rust v. Clark Cty. School District, 103 Nev. 686, 689, 747 P.2d 1380, 1382 (1987). Accordingly, as it appears that a final written order regarding custody of the minor child has not been entered, this court lacks jurisdiction to entertain the issue of child custody.

cc: Hon. Robert W. Lueck, District Judge,
Family Court Division
D. Bruce Anderson
Donna Storseth
Clark County Clerk