

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

STEPHEN SZCZEPANIK,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 39796

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is an appeal from a guilty verdict, pursuant to a jury trial. Our preliminary review of the documents before us reveals that the appeal is premature.

Specifically, on May 13, 2002, a jury found appellant guilty of two counts of aggravated stalking. Based on our review of the documents submitted in this appeal, it appears that the district court has not yet sentenced appellant, nor has the district court entered a final, written judgment of conviction.


Although NRS 177.015(3) provides that a defendant may appeal from a "final judgment or verdict in a criminal case" (emphasis added), this court's rules of appellate procedure do not contemplate the filing of an appeal from a verdict prior to sentencing and entry of a written judgment of conviction. For example, NRAP 4(b)(1) provides:


In a criminal case, the notice of appeal by a defendant shall be filed in the district court within thirty (30) days after the entry of the judgment or order appealed from. A notice of appeal filed after the announcement of a decision, sentence or order but before entry of the judgment or order shall be treated as filed after such entry and on the day thereof. . . . A judgment or order is entered within the meaning of this rule when it is signed by the judge and filed with the clerk.


(Emphasis added.) Moreover, NRS 176.105(1) requires that the judgment of conviction set forth the plea, the verdict, the adjudication and sentence, and the amount of credit granted for time spent in confinement before conviction, if any. Therefore, appellant must be sentenced and a written judgment of conviction must be entered by the district court before this court will entertain an appeal.

Accordingly, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Shearing

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Rose

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Becker

cc: Hon. Kathy A. Hardcastle, District Judge  
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