

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARENTAL  
RIGHTS AS TO S.L.H.

No. 40093

ROGER W.H.,  
Appellant,

vs.

KARRIE E., GRACE M.E., AND  
RODNEY E.,  
Respondents.

FILED

OCT 15 2002

JANETTE M. BLOOM  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. R. [Signature]*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a proper person appeal from a minute order terminating appellant's parental rights.<sup>1</sup> No appeal may be taken from a minute order.<sup>2</sup> We note that after a formal written order is entered by the

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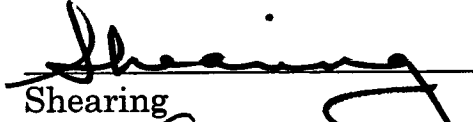
<sup>1</sup>We note that the notice of appeal was filed with the district court on June 24, 2002, but was not transmitted to this court until August 19, 2002, almost two months later. The cause of the delay is not clear from the documentation before us. We remind the district court clerk of its duty to promptly transmit notices of appeal and the other documents required by NRAP 3(e) to this court.


<sup>2</sup>See NRAP 4(a)(1); Rust v. Clark Cty. School District, 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987).


Appellant failed to pay the filing fee required by NRS 2.250(1)(a); in response to our notice to pay the fee, he submitted a motion to proceed in forma pauperis. Under NRAP 24(a), such a motion must first be presented to the district court, and so appellant's motion is improper. We note that failure to pay the filing fee or to properly obtain in forma pauperis status could constitute an independent basis for dismissal of this appeal. Although appellant was not granted leave to file papers in proper person, see NRAP 46(b), we have considered the proper person documents received from him.

district court, appellant may file a new notice of appeal within the time specified in NRAP 4(a)(1). As we lack jurisdiction, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

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

  
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Becker

cc: Hon. Charles M. McGee, District Judge  
Roger W.H.  
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Karrie E.  
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