

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

WILLIAM JOSEPH BRUNS,  
Appellant,

vs.

DIRECTOR, NEVADA DEPARTMENT  
OF PRISONS, JACKIE CRAWFORD;  
GEORGE GRIGAS, ACTING  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NDOC); TED  
D'AMICO, MEDICAL DIRECTOR  
(NDOC); DAVID MELIGAN AND  
DONALD HELLING, WARDENS  
(NNCC); REX REED, MEDICAL  
ADMINISTRATOR (NDOC); MAX  
NEUNEKER, AWP (NNCC);  
STEPHANIE HUMPHREY, AWP  
(NNCC); MAGGIE ROYCE, NURSING  
SUPERVISOR (NNCC); MICHAEL  
FORREST, P.A.C.; JOHN COLEMAN,  
AWO (NNCC); JOHN PERRY,  
DIRECTOR OF NURSING; KAREN  
GEDNEY, M.D., (NNCC/RMF);  
MARSHA JOHNS, M.D., (NNCC/RMF),  
SUED IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND  
OFFICIAL CAPACITIES; AND KEITH  
KENNEDY, SUED IN HIS OFFICIAL  
AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY,  
Respondents.

No. 40679

**FILED**

MAY 27 2005

JANETTE M. BLOOM  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. Richards*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL


This is a proper person appeal from a district court order denying appellant's request for the appointment of counsel in a civil action. First Judicial District Court, Carson City; Michael R. Griffin, Judge.

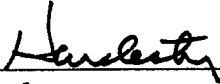
Our review of the documents before us reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, an order denying a request for counsel is not

substantively appealable. An appeal may be taken only when authorized by court rule or statute,<sup>1</sup> and no rule or statute provides for an appeal from an order denying a request for the appointment of counsel. As we lack jurisdiction, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.<sup>2</sup>

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

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

Gibbons  
 \_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Hardesty

cc: Hon. Michael R. Griffin, District Judge  
Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City  
William Joseph Bruns  
Carson City Clerk

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<sup>1</sup>Taylor Constr. Co. v. Hilton Hotels, 100 Nev. 207, 678 P.2d 1152 (1984).

<sup>2</sup>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, and the relief requested therein is denied.