

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CHRISTOPHER RAMIREZ,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 41210

**FILED**

APR 28 2003

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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

This is a proper person appeal from a jury verdict finding appellant guilty of first degree arson. Our preliminary review of this appeal reveals that the notice of appeal was prematurely filed. Specifically, on February 27, 2003, a jury found appellant guilty of one count of first degree arson. On April 2, 2003, prior to the district court's imposition of appellant's sentence, appellant filed the instant proper person notice of appeal from the verdict.

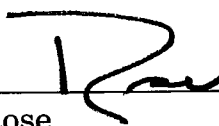
Although NRS 177.015(3) provides that a defendant may appeal from a "final judgment or verdict in a criminal case," this court's rules of appellate procedure do not contemplate the filing of an appeal from a verdict prior to sentencing and entry of a written judgment of conviction. For example, NRAP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

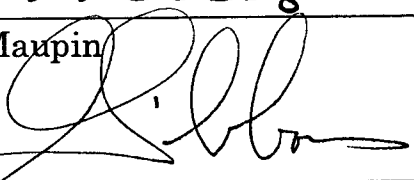
Moreover, NRS 176.105(1) requires that the judgment of conviction must set forth the plea, the verdict, the adjudication and sentence, and the amount of credit granted for time spent in confinement before conviction, if any.

Accordingly, we hereby

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED without prejudice to appellant's right to file a timely appeal from a final judgment of conviction and sentence.

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

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

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

cc: Hon. Donald M. Mosley, District Judge  
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