

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JAMES F. MEEGAN, II,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
LILLIAN D. MEEGAN,  
Respondent.

No. 42002

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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

This proper person appeal is taken from a district court order “re-opening” the district court case. Our review of the documents transmitted under NRAP 3(e) reveals a jurisdictional defect. In particular, it appears that the district court dismissed the parties’ divorce action on May 16, 2003. On July 15, 2003, the district court re-opened the case, apparently for the sole purpose of granting respondent’s motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. Apparently, the district court never entered a written order “re-opening” the case. Only a written order entered by the district court can be appealed.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, even if the district court had entered a written order “re-opening” the case, the order would not constitute an appealable special order after final judgment because it did not affect the rights and liabilities of any party.<sup>2</sup>


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

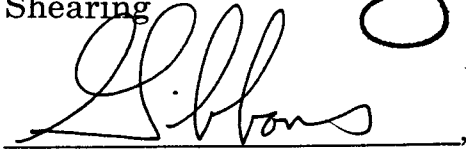
<sup>2</sup>Gumm v. Mainor, 118 Nev. \_\_\_, 59 P.3d 1220 (2002).

Accordingly, we conclude that we lack jurisdiction to consider this appeal, and we dismiss it.

It is so ORDERED.

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

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

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

cc: Hon. Robert E. Gaston, District Judge, Family Court Division  
James Francis Meegan II  
Lillian D. Meegan  
Clark County Clerk