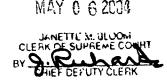
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

WILLIAM J. PETERSON, Appellant, vs. JANE DOE, Respondent. No. 42078

Francis Andre Andr

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL



On September 19, 2003, this proper person appeal was docketed in this court, and a notice was issued to appellant to pay the filing fee within ten days. On September 25, 2003, this court received and filed a district court order denying appellant's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. The district court concluded that appellant's annual salary of \$90,000 precluded in forma pauperis status. On November 20, 2003, we ordered appellant to either pay the filing fee or file a proper NRAP 24(a) motion in this court. Appellant filed an NRAP 24(a) motion in this court, in which he stated that he recently lost his job and his annual salary is no longer applicable. On January 9, 2004, we concluded that in forma pauperis status was not warranted in this appeal, and entered an order denying appellant's motion and directing appellant to pay the filing fee within fifteen days. The order also warned appellant that failure to comply could result in dismissal of this appeal as abandoned.

Appellant has failed to respond in any way to this court's directive, and the time in which appellant was to have paid the fee expired

JUPREME COURT OF NEVADA over three months ago. Consequently, we conclude that appellant has abandoned this appeal, and we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

KER J. Becker J. Agosti J. Gibbons Hon. Jerome Polaha, District Judge cc: James G. Christensen **Donald York Evans** Robison Belaustegui Sharp & Low William J. Peterson Washoe District Court Clerk

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