

NO. 07-12-0536-CV  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AT AMARILLO  
PANEL A  
JANUARY 16, 2013

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IN RE RICKY MEALS, RELATOR

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING  
ARISING OUT OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE 64TH DISTRICT COURT OF HALE  
COUNTY; NO. B 17074-0701; HONORABLE ROBERT W. KINKAID, JR., JUDGE

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Before CAMPBELL and HANCOCK and PIRTLE, JJ.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Relator, Ricky Meals, an inmate proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, seeks a writ of mandamus to compel Debra Smith, Official Court Reporter for the 64th District Court of Hale County, Texas, to provide him with a copy of the reporter's record of plea proceedings in trial court cause number B 17074-0701. We dismiss this proceeding for want of jurisdiction.

This Court has the authority to issue writs of mandamus necessary to (1) enforce our jurisdiction, (2) against a judge of a district or county court in our district, or (3)

against a district judge who is acting as a magistrate at a court of inquiry under chapter 52 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. See TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. ' 22.221(a) and (b) (WEST 2004). Additionally, a writ of mandamus is an order directed personally to the respondent. *In re Roseland Oil & Gas, Inc.*, 68 S.W.3d 784, 786 (Tex.App.-- Eastland 2001, orig. proceeding). The named Respondent herein, Debra Smith, is the Official Court Reporter for the 64th District Court of Hale County, not an official over which this Court has authority. Consequently, this Court has no jurisdiction to consider a request for mandamus relief against Ms. Smith.

Accordingly, Relator's application for mandamus relief is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Patrick A. Pirtle  
Justice