



contemplated further action, specifically, that the State "prepare a written order consistent with the court's ruling." Therefore, it is not final.

When an appeal is taken in the absence of a final order, this court lacks jurisdiction to consider the appeal. See Utah R. App. P. 3(a). "When a matter is outside the court's jurisdiction, it retains only the authority to dismiss the action." Varian-Eimac, Inc. v. Lamoreaux, 767 P.2d 569, 570 (Utah Ct. App. 1989).

Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed, without prejudice to the timely filing of a notice of appeal from a final judgment or order entered by the juvenile court.

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James Z. Davis, Judge

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Gregory K. Orme, Judge

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William A. Thorne Jr., Judge