



COURT OF APPEALS  
EIGHTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
EL PASO, TEXAS

ERIC FLORES,	§	No. 08-19-00177-CR
	§	Appeal from the
V.	§	120th District Court
THE STATE OF TEXAS,	§	of El Paso County, Texas
	§	(TC# 20110D01621)
Appellant,	§	
Appellee.	§	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Eric Flores is attempting to appeal from a letter signed by the 120th District Court on June 6, 2019 advising him that his conviction is final and “all Appellate relief must be pursued by the proper vehicle.” We dismiss the attempted appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

The Texas Constitution provides that a court of appeals has jurisdiction over “all cases of which the District Courts or County Courts have original or appellate jurisdiction, under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by law.” TEX.CONST. art. V, § 6(a). Article 44.02 provides that “[a] defendant in any criminal action has the right of appeal under the rules hereinafter prescribed . . . .” TEX.CODE CRIM.PROC.ANN. art. 44.02. Under Rule 25.2(a)(2), a defendant in a criminal case has the right of appeal under Code of Criminal Procedure Article 44.02 and the Rules of Appellate Procedure. TEX.R.APP.P. 25.2(a)(2). Generally, a court of appeals only has jurisdiction to consider an appeal by a criminal defendant where there has been a

final judgment of conviction. *See Apolinar v. State*, 820 S.W.2d 792, 794 (Tex.Crim.App. 1991); *see State v. Sellers*, 790 S.W.2d 316, 321 n.4 (Tex.Crim.App. 1990)(noting the well-established rule that a defendant’s general right to appeal under Article 44.02 is limited to appeal from a final judgment). We have jurisdiction over other types of criminal appeals only when “expressly granted by law.” *McIntosh v. State*, 110 S.W.3d 51, 52 (Tex.App.—Waco 2002, no pet.); *see Abbott v. State*, 271 S.W.3d 694, 697 (Tex.Crim.App. 2008); *Apolinar*, 820 S.W.2d at 794.

On May 18, 2017, we issued an opinion and judgment affirming Appellant’s conviction of burglary of a building in cause number 20110D01621. *See Eric Flores v. State*, No. 08-16-00025-CR, 2017 WL 2180705 (Tex.App.—El Paso May 18, 2017, pet. ref’d). The trial judge’s letter informing that his conviction is final, and she could not give him legal advice or appoint counsel to represent him in post-conviction proceedings is not an appealable order. Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

July 10, 2019

YVONNE T. RODRIGUEZ, Justice

Before McClure, C.J., Rodriguez, and Palafox, JJ.

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