



**Fourth Court of Appeals**  
**San Antonio, Texas**

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

No. 04-14-00200-CR

**EX PARTE** Stephen **RICHARDSON**

Original Habeas Corpus Proceeding<sup>1</sup>

PER CURIAM

Sitting: Karen Angelini, Justice  
Rebeca C. Martinez, Justice  
Luz Elena D. Chapa, Justice

Delivered and Filed: April 9, 2014

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS DISMISSED FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

On March 26, 2014, relator Stephen Richardson filed a pro se petition for writ of habeas corpus requesting that this court exonerate him and direct the district court to dismiss the charges against him.

This court, as an intermediate court of appeals, is not authorized to grant the relief requested. Pursuant to section 22.221(d) of the Texas Government Code, in civil matters, a court of appeals “may issue a writ of habeas corpus when it appears that the restraint of liberty is by virtue of an order, process, or commitment issued by a court or judge because of the violation of an order, judgment, or decree previously made, rendered, or entered by the court or judge in a civil case.” TEX. GOV’T CODE ANN. § 22.221(d) (West 2004). In criminal matters, however, an

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<sup>1</sup> This proceeding arises out of Cause No. 2010CR10629, styled *The State of Texas v. Stephen Richardson*, pending in the 399th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, the Honorable Ray Olivarri presiding.

intermediate court of appeals has no original habeas corpus jurisdiction. *Chavez v. State*, 132 S.W.3d 509, 510 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2004, no pet.); *Watson v. State*, 96 S.W.3d 497, 500 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2002, pet. ref'd); *Dodson v. State*, 988 S.W.2d 833, 835 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 1999, no pet.). In criminal matters, the courts authorized to issue writs of habeas corpus are the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, district courts, and county courts. See TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. ANN. art. 11.05 (West 2005). Therefore, the petition for writ of habeas corpus is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

PER CURIAM

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