

Fourth Court of Appeals San Antonio, Texas

MEMORANDUM OPINION

No. 04-14-00881-CR

EX PARTE Shawn **SANDERS**

Original Habeas Corpus Proceeding¹

PER CURIAM

Sitting: Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, Justice Patricia O. Alvarez, Justice

Delivered and Filed: December 23, 2014

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS DISMISSED FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

On December 17, 2014, relator Shawn Sanders filed a pro se petition for writ of habeas corpus in which he seeks relief from an adjudication in the underlying criminal proceeding.

This court, as an intermediate court of appeals, is not authorized to grant habeas corpus relief. 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 intermediate court of appeals has no original habeas corpus jurisdiction. *Chavez v. State*, 132 S.W.3d 509, 510

¹ This proceeding arises out of Cause No. 2012CR5452, styled *The State of Texas v. Shawn L. Sanders*, pending in the 227th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas, the Honorable Philip A. Kazen Jr. presiding.

(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, Sanders' petition for writ of habeas is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

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