### In The

## Court of Appeals

# Ninth District of Texas at Beaumont

NO. 09-16-00231-CV

### IN RE COMMITMENT OF ISRAEL ESCOBAR

On Appeal from the 435th District Court Montgomery County, Texas Trial Cause No. 06-10-09712-CV

#### **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

On June 23, 2016, Israel Escobar filed a notice of appeal and a motion for extension of time concerning orders the trial court signed in a sexually violent predator commitment case. We questioned our jurisdiction and the parties filed responses. After considering the parties' responses, we dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

On May 9, 2016, the trial court signed an order sustaining the State's objection to an oral hearing, an order granting the State's motion to reconsider whether Escobar would be personally present for a biennial review hearing, and a

biennial review order that required Escobar to remain civilly committed pursuant

to an order of civil commitment signed on May 31, 2007. The State contends the

orders are interlocutory and no accelerated appeal is provided by statute. See In re

Commitment of Richards, 395 S.W.3d 905, 910 (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2013, pet.

denied). Escobar concedes that the orders from which Escobar seeks to appeal do

not arise from a hearing after a trial on the merits, and we note that the orders lack

any language that the trial court intended the orders to be final. See id. We

conclude that the orders at issue are not appealable at this time. *Id.* Accordingly,

the appeal is dismissed. The motion for extension of time to file a notice of appeal

is denied as moot.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

LEANNE JOHNSON Justice

Submitted on July 27, 2016 Opinion Delivered July 28, 2016

Before McKeithen, C.J., Horton and Johnson, JJ.

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