

In The
Court of Appeals
Ninth District of Texas at Beaumont

NO. 09-17-00276-CV

IN RE COMMITMENT OF WILLIE RAY BROOKS

On Appeal from the 435th District Court
Montgomery County, Texas
Trial Cause No. 08-02-01918-CV

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Willie Ray Brooks filed a notice of appeal from an order denying a motion for a change of venue. We questioned our jurisdiction and the State filed a response.

Generally, appeals may be taken only from final judgments. *Lehmann v. Har-Con Corp.*, 39 S.W.3d 191, 195 (Tex. 2001). In a civil commitment case, the trial court retains jurisdiction while the commitment order remains in effect. *See In re Commitment of Cortez*, 405 S.W.3d 929, 932 (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2013, no pet.). Brooks has not identified a signed order by the trial court that is appealable at this

time. Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. *See* Tex. R. App.

P. 42.3(a); 43.2(f).

APPEAL DISMISSED.

HOLLIS HORTON
Justice

Submitted on August 16, 2017
Opinion Delivered August 17, 2017

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