

COURT OF APPEALS SECOND DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH

NO. 02-16-00258-CV

IN RE ADAM SMITH RELATOR

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING TRIAL COURT NO. 360-541003-13

MEMORANDUM OPINION1

On July 22, 2016, Relator Adam Smith filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus seeking relief from an order of commitment signed on July 1, 2016. See Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 22.221(d) (West 2004); see also Tex. R. App. P. 52.1. This court conditionally ordered Relator released on a \$500.00 bond during the pendency of this proceeding. Relator posted bond on July 30, 2016.

On August 8, 2016, Relator filed "Petitioner's Motion To Dismiss Appeal," which we construe as a motion to dismiss his petition for writ of habeas corpus.

¹See Tex. R. App. P. 47.4.

Relator's motion seeks dismissal because (1) the parties "have conferred and

agreed to [Relator's] release from jail" and (2) Relator is no longer in custody.²

We grant Relator's motion to dismiss. We dismiss Relator's petition for

writ of habeas corpus without prejudice and without reference to the merits.

But because we are unable to determine whether the parties have entered

into a settlement agreement concerning the merits of Relator's petition for writ of

habeas corpus, we remand this proceeding to the trial court. The trial court shall

conduct a hearing and determine whether, in fact, the parties have conferred and

entered into some type of agreement concerning Relator's release from jail. If

such an agreement exists, the trial court shall order Relator released from bond.

If no such agreement exists, the trial court may revoke Relator's bond and

remand Relator to the custody of the Tarrant County Sheriff in accordance with

the terms of the trial court's July 1, 2016 commitment order.

PER CURIAM

PANEL: WALKER, GARDNER, and GABRIEL, JJ.

DELIVERED: August 11, 2016

²On August 8, 2016, Real Party in Interest Lauren Smith informed this court that she does not plan to file a response. Prior to the filing of Relator's motion to dismiss, RPI had filed a motion for additional time to file a responsive

brief; we deny her motion as moot.

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