

NO. 07-06-0136-CR  
NO. 07-06-0137-CR

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

AT AMARILLO

PANEL A

MAY 4, 2006

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EX PARTE JOHANSON LEE WATSON

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FROM THE 46TH DISTRICT COURT OF WILBARGER COUNTY;  
NOS. 9479 & 9480; HONORABLE TOM NEELY, JUDGE

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Before REAVIS and CAMPBELL and HANCOCK, JJ.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Johanson Lee Watson, who is incarcerated and proceeding *pro se*, filed applications for writs of habeas corpus in the trial court. He simultaneously filed notices of appeal seeking relief from this Court should he receive unfavorable rulings from the trial court. We dismiss for want of jurisdiction.

A premature notice of appeal in a criminal case is effective after sentence is imposed or suspended in open court or after an appealable order is signed by the trial court. See Tex. R. App. P. 27.1(b). It is not effective if filed before the trial court makes a finding of guilt or receives a jury verdict. We decline to interpret Rule 27.1(b) as permitting a premature notice of appeal from an application for a writ of habeas corpus without a signed appealable order.

Accordingly, these purported appeals are dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Don H. Reavis  
Justice

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