



**In The
Court of Appeals
Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo**

No. 07-21-00206-CR

EX PARTE ALLEN LEE BELL

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING ON APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

September 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before **PIRTLE** and **PARKER** and **DOSS, JJ.**

Appearing pro se, Allen Lee Bell, filed an “application seeking relief from a final felony conviction and false imprisonment.” We have construed the document as an application for writ of habeas corpus in a criminal case.¹

This Court has no original habeas corpus jurisdiction in criminal law matters. See TEX. GOV’T CODE ANN. § 22.221(d) (limiting original habeas jurisdiction of intermediate appellate courts to civil matters); *Ex parte Hawkins*, 885 S.W.2d 586, 588 (Tex. App.—El Paso 1994, orig. proceeding) (per curiam). That jurisdiction instead rests with the Court

¹ We previously affirmed Bell’s conviction for sexual assault in *Bell v. State*, No. 07-08-00329-CR, 2009 Tex. App. LEXIS 711, at *2 (Tex. App. — Amarillo Feb. 3, 2009, no pet.) (mem. op., not designated for publication).

of Criminal Appeals, the district courts, and the county courts. TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. ANN. ART. 11.05; *Ex parte Hawkins*, 885 S.W.2d at 588. Only the Court of Criminal Appeals has authority to grant post-conviction habeas relief in final felony cases. See TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. ANN. art. 11.07; *Ex parte Alexander*, 685 S.W.2d 57, 60 (Tex. Crim. App. 1985).

For these reasons, we dismiss Bell's application for writ of habeas corpus for want of jurisdiction.

Per Curiam

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