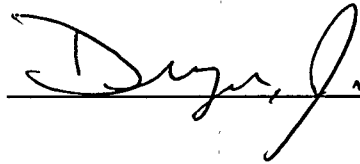


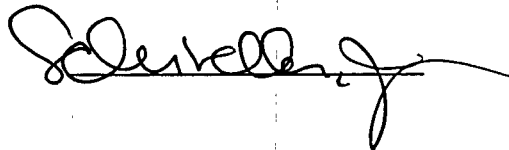
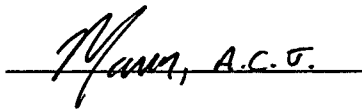


O.M. is not an aggrieved party.<sup>1</sup> Although the trial court modified O.M.'s commitment order to authorize involuntary treatment at Western State Hospital, she does not dispute that she was never transferred there. Thus, her rights were unaffected by the change in her commitment order. Therefore, she may not appeal. The appeal must be dismissed.

Dismissed.



We concur:



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<sup>1</sup> O.M. mistakenly argues that this case is moot but should be reviewed because it concerns matters of "continuing and substantial public interest." See Sorensen v. City of Bellingham, 80 Wn.2d 547, 558, 496 P.2d 512 (1972). However, at no time did the issues presented in this case become "purely academic." Grays Harbor Paper Co. v. Grays Harbor County, 74 Wn.2d 70, 73, 442 P.2d 967 (1968). Instead, O.M. never had a right to appeal in the first instance because she was never aggrieved by the trial court ruling. As a result, this court is without discretion to entertain her arguments.