

COURT OF APPEALS, TENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT OF TEXAS

In re Thomas Blanchard

No. 10-25-00485-CR · No. 10-25-00485-CR · Decided January 8, 2026

SUMMARY

The Tenth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Thomas Blanchard's original habeas corpus proceeding for want of jurisdiction. The court explained that original jurisdiction over criminal habeas proceedings is limited to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, district courts, and county courts, and that Blanchard had not alleged filing a habeas petition in the trial court.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Court of Appeals Tenth Appellate District of Texas 10-25-00485-CR In re Thomas Blanchard Original Proceeding CHIEF JUSTICE JOHNSON delivered the opinion of the Court. MEMORANDUM OPINION Thomas Blanchard filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus.

The application was filed as an original proceeding in this Court contending that Blanchard is being illegally confined and unlawfully restrained in Brazos County, Texas. Original jurisdiction to issue a writ of habeas corpus in a criminal proceeding is limited to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the district courts, and the county courts. See TEX. CODE CRIM.

PROC. art. 11.05. In the application, Blanchard does not allege that he has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the trial court from which he is attempting to appeal. Because he is seeking direct relief from this Court, we lack jurisdiction in this proceeding. See *Ex parte Twyman*, 716 S.W.2d 951, 952 (Tex. Crim. App. 1986).

The petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by Blanchard on December 23, 2025, is dismissed for want of jurisdiction. See TEX. R. APP. P. 52.8(a). MATT JOHNSON Chief Justice OPINION DELIVERED and FILED: January 8, 2026 Before Chief Justice Johnson, Justice Smith, and Justice Harris Petition dismissed Do Not Publish OT06 In re Thomas Blanchard Page 2