

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT

In re Bryant L. Woods

No. 01-26-00210-CR · No. 01-26-00210-CR · Decided March 26, 2026

SUMMARY

The First District Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Bryant L. Woods’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus for lack of jurisdiction. The court held that Texas courts of appeals lack original habeas corpus jurisdiction in criminal matters and noted that Woods had not alleged filing an application in the trial court.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Opinion issued March 26, 2026 In The Court of Appeals For The First District of Texas NO. 01-26-00210-CR IN RE BRYANT L. WOODS, Relator Original Proceeding on Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus MEMORANDUM OPINION Relator Bryant L. Woods, incarcerated and proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus in this Court. See TEX. GOV’T CODE § 22.221; see also TEX. R. APP.

P. 52. In his petition, relator asks this court to discharge him from custody because he is being illegally restrained. The courts of appeal have no original habeas-corpus jurisdiction in criminal matters. *In re Ayers*, 515 S.W.3d 356, 356 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016, orig. proceeding) (citing TEX. GOV’T CODE § 22.221(d)). Original jurisdiction to grant a writ of habeas corpus in a criminal case is vested in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the district courts, the county courts, or a judge in those courts.

Id. (citing TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 11.05). In his application, relator has not alleged that he filed an application for writ of habeas corpus in the trial court. Because relator is seeking direct relief from this Court, we lack original habeas corpus jurisdiction over relator’s complaints. See *Ayers*, 515 S.W.3d at 356.

Accordingly, relator’s petition is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.¹ PER CURIAM Panel consists of Chief Justice Adams and Justices Guerra and Guiney. Do not publish. See TEX. R. APP. P. 47.2(b). ¹ The underlying case is *State of Texas v. Bryant L. Woods*, cause number 1777024, pending in the 262nd District Court of Harris County, Texas, the Honorable Lori Chambers Gray presiding.

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