

COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, EIGHTH DISTRICT, EL PASO

In re Robron Stevalle Charlvez Lewis

No. 08-26-00223-CR (Tex. App.—El Paso May 19, 2026) (mem. op.) · No. No. 08-26-00223-CR · Decided May 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The Eighth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Robron Stevalle Charlvez Lewis’s pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus for lack of jurisdiction. The court held that courts of appeals lack original habeas jurisdiction in criminal matters, including Lewis’s challenge to the \$750,000 bond imposed in his capital-murder case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Texas, Eighth District, El Paso
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Lisa J. Soto; Salas Mendoza, C.J.; Palafox, J.; Lisa J. Soto, J.
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals of Texas, Eighth District, El Paso
DECIDED	May 19, 2026
DOCKET	No. 08-26-00223-CR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding on a pro se petition for writ of habeas corpus challenging the relator's confinement and the amount of his bond in a pending capital-murder prosecution.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Jurisdictional review; the court determined whether it possessed original habeas jurisdiction over a criminal matter.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential memorandum opinion; marked Do Not Publish.
PARTIES	Robron Stevalle Charlvez Lewis, Relator v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- habeas corpus
- appellate jurisdiction
- criminal procedure
- bail
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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Court of Appeals has original habeas jurisdiction to consider a petition arising from a criminal prosecution and challenging confinement and the amount of bond.
2. Whether the petition should be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

HOLDINGS

1. A Texas court of appeals lacks original habeas jurisdiction to consider a habeas petition arising from a criminal matter; its original habeas jurisdiction is limited to cases involving restraint for violation of an order, judgment, or decree entered by a trial court in a civil case.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Original habeas jurisdiction of the courts of appeals is limited to cases in which a person’s liberty is restrained because they violated an order, judgment, or decree entered by a trial court in a civil case.” (at 1)

“Courts of appeals do not possess jurisdiction to consider original petitions for writ of habeas corpus in criminal matters.” (at 1-2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Lewis was indicted for capital murder and detained in the El Paso County Jail. The trial court imposed a \$750,000 bond, which Lewis alleged was excessive and resulted in illegal confinement. He sought original habeas relief in the Court of Appeals.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Lewis was indicted for capital murder and detained in the El Paso County Jail subject to a \$750,000 bond. He filed an original habeas petition in the Court of Appeals asserting that his confinement was illegal and that the bond was excessive. The court dismissed the petition for lack of jurisdiction.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- In re Ayers, 515 S.W.3d 356 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016, orig. proceeding) (per curiam)
- In re Neal, 653 S.W.3d 346, 346 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2022, orig. proceeding)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

COURT OF APPEALS EIGHTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO, TEXAS No. 08-26-00223-CR In re Robron Stevalle Charlvéz Lewis, Relator AN ORIGINAL PROCEEDING M E M O R A N D U M O P I N I O N On May 11, 2026, Robron Stevalle Charlvéz Lewis filed a pro se petition

for writ of habeas corpus in this Court, stemming from his indictment for capital murder and subsequent detention in the El Paso County Jail.

1 In the petition, Lewis—citing Article V, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution as well as Articles 11.01 and 11.05 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure—claims he is being illegally confined and restrained in the El Paso County Jail, arguing that the \$750,000 1 The underlying case is *The State of Texas v. Robron Stevalle Charlvez Lewis*, cause number 20210D03013, pending in the 34th Judicial District Court, El Paso County, Texas, the Honorable William E. Moody presiding. bond imposed upon him is excessive for various reasons.

We dismiss the petition for lack of jurisdiction. Original habeas jurisdiction of the courts of appeals is limited to cases in which a person's liberty is restrained because they violated an order, judgment, or decree entered by a trial court in a civil case. See Tex. Gov't Code § 22.221(d). Courts of appeals do not possess jurisdiction to consider original petitions for writ of habeas corpus in criminal matters.

See *id.*; *In re Ayers*, 515 S.W.3d 356 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016, orig. proceeding) (per curiam); see also Tex Code Crim. Proc. Ann. art. 11.05 (vesting exclusive jurisdiction to consider original petitions for writs of habeas corpus in the Court of Criminal Appeals, district courts, county courts, and judges sitting on these courts).

Accordingly, we dismiss Lewis's petition for writ of habeas corpus for lack of jurisdiction. See *id.*; *In re Neal*, 653 S.W.3d 346, 346 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2022, orig. proceeding). LISA J. SOTO, Justice May 19, 2026 Before Salas Mendoza, C.J., Palafox and Soto, JJ. (Do Not Publish) 2