IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MICHAEL C. RATLIFF,
Petitioner,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 43580

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

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This is a proper person petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner challenges the validity of his judgment of conviction and sentence. We have considered the petition on file herein, and we are not satisfied that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted at this time. A post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus challenging the validity of the judgment of conviction and sentence must be filed in the district court in the first instance.¹ Petitioner may then appeal to this court from any final adverse decision.² Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.3

Becker , J.

Agosti J.

Gibbons

J.

¹See NRS 34.738(1). We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could satisfy the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.

²See NRS 34.575.

³We have reviewed all documents that petitioner has submitted to the clerk of this court in this matter, and we conclude that no relief based upon those submissions is warranted.

cc: Hon. Steve L. Dobrescu, District Judge Michael C. Ratliff Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City Eureka County District Attorney Eureka County Clerk