IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ANTHONY JOHN COPLEY, Petitioner, vs. THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, Respondent, and THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Real Party in Interest.

No. 62411

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandamus. Petitioner claims that he was denied the right to a direct appeal and is therefore entitled to be released from custody. We have reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, and without deciding upon the merits of any claims raised therein, we decline to exercise original jurisdiction in this matter. NRS 34.160; NRS 34.170. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction must be raised in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district court in the first instance. NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1).1 Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

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¹We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could meet the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.

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