IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

HERMINIO RAMIREZ-LOPEZ, Petitioner, vs. SHERIFF, CLARK COUNTY, Respondent. No. 62598

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandamus. Petitioner asks this court to compel the district court to hear his proper person motion for suppression of evidence. He contends that his counsel was ineffective for failing to move for suppression of evidence prior to trial, and his conviction was obtained in violation of the Fourth Amendment. 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. See NRS 34.160; NRS 34.170. A challenge to the validity of a judgment of conviction should be raised in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district

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court in the first instance. 1 NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

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cc: Herminio Ramirez-Lopez Attorney General/Carson City

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