IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

HERMINIO RAMIREZ-LOPEZ, Petitioner, vs. SHERIFF, CLARK COUNTY, Respondent. No. 62622

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandamus. Petitioner asks this court to vacate his conviction and grant a new trial. 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. <u>See</u> 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 court in the first instance.¹ NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

J. Gibbons

Douglas

Saitta

____, J.

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

J.

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA cc: Herminio Ramirez-Lopez Attorney General/Carson City

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