

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

GUSTAVO CONTRERAS,
Petitioner,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 70444

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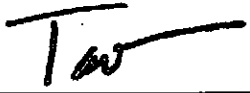
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BY S. Young
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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is an original petition for a writ of habeas corpus challenging a judgment of conviction. Petitioner Gustavo Contreras asserts he is actually innocent of the crime he was convicted of and his counsel was ineffective. Contreras indicates he is filing the petition in order to exhaust his claims for federal purposes. We have reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, and without deciding upon the merits of any claims, we decline to exercise original jurisdiction in this matter. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction must be raised in a postconviction 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.

, C.J.
Gibbons

, J.
Tao

, J.
Silver

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

cc: Gustavo Contreras
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Clark County District Attorney
Eighth District Court Clerk