

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CARL DEAN EDWARDS,  
Petitioner,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA; AND THE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND  
FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK,  
Respondents.

No. 70834

**FILED**

OCT 13 2016

ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *[Signature]*  
DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER DENYING PETITION*

This is a pro se petition for a writ of mandamus. Petitioner requests that this court direct the lower courts to protect his right to access the courts and provide him other forms of relief. Without deciding upon the merits of any claims raised in the documents submitted in this matter, we decline to exercise our original jurisdiction. See NRS 34.160; NRS 34.170; NRS 34.320; NRS 34.330; NRS 34.020. 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.<sup>1</sup> NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

*Cherry*, J.  
Cherry

*Douglas*, J.  
Douglas

*Gibbons*, J.  
Gibbons

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

16-32026

cc: Carl Dean Edwards  
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Eighth District Court Clerk