

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JAMES HOWARD HAYES, JR.,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 84404-COA

**FILED**

**JUL 20 2022**

ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
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*ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE*

James Howard Hayes, Jr., appeals from an order of the district court denying a “motion in the nature of a writ of coram nobis” filed on January 14, 2022. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Joseph T. Bonaventure, Senior Judge.

Hayes claims the district court erred by denying his motion. In his pleadings below, Hayes challenged the validity of his guilty plea, claimed the district court lacked jurisdiction because insufficient evidence was presented at his preliminary hearing to support a finding of probable cause, and appeared to claim that he was actually innocent. Hayes’ claims fell outside the limited scope of claims allowed when pursuing a writ of coram nobis. *See Trujillo v. State*, 129 Nev. 706, 717, 310 P.3d 594, 601 (2013) (providing that a petition for a writ of coram nobis is limited to factual, not legal, errors “outside the record that affect the validity and regularity of the decision itself” and is not “the forum to relitigate the guilt

or innocence of the petitioner"). Accordingly, we conclude the district court did not err by denying the motion, and we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.J.  
Gibbons

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Tao

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Bulla

cc: Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District Court  
Hon. Monica Trujillo, District Judge  
James Howard Hayes, Jr.  
Attorney General/Carson City  
Clark County District Attorney  
Eighth District Court Clerk