IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MICHAEL W. CRIPPS, Petitioner,

vs.

SHERIFF, WHITE PINE COUNTY, BERNIE ROMERO,

Respondent.

No. 43547

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ORDER DENYING PETITION



This is a proper person petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner challenges the validity of his judgment of conviction and sentence. We have considered the petition on file herein, and we are not satisfied that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted at this time. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction and sentence may be raised on direct appeal or in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus complying with the requirements of NRS chapter 34. A post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus must be filed in the district court in the first instance.¹

¹See NRS 34.738(1). We note that petitioner has a direct appeal pending in this court in Docket No. 43477.

Petitioner may then appeal from any final adverse decision on his petition.² Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

Rose, J.

Maupin J.

Douglas, J

cc: Hon. Joseph S. Pavlikowski, Senior Judge Michael W. Cripps Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City White Pine County Clerk

²See NRS 34.575.