

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ARON J. JONZ,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 44286

**FILED**

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

DAVID E. MULLOWN  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. Riland*  
DEPUTY CLERK

This is an appeal from an order of the district court denying appellant Aron J. Jonz's post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Michael A. Cherry, Judge.

On August 20, 2003, Jonz was convicted, pursuant to an Alford plea,<sup>1</sup> of one count of attempted aggravated stalking. The district court sentenced Jonz to serve a prison term of 36-96 months. Jonz did not pursue a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence.

On June 1, 2004, with the assistance of counsel, Jonz filed a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the district court. The State opposed the petition. The district court conducted an evidentiary hearing and on November 3, 2004, entered an order denying Jonz's petition. This timely appeal followed.

In his petition, Jonz contended that: (1) he received ineffective assistance of counsel; and (2) his Alford plea was not entered voluntarily. The district court found that Jonz's counsel was not ineffective and that his valid Alford plea was entered voluntarily. The district court's factual

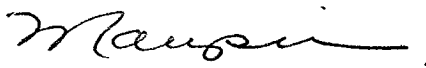
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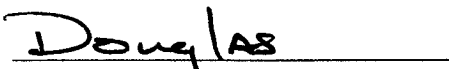
<sup>1</sup>North Carolina v. Alford, 400 U.S. 25 (1970).

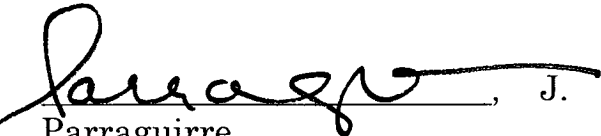
findings are entitled to deference when reviewed on appeal.<sup>2</sup> In his appeal, Jonz has not demonstrated, let alone alleged, that the district court's findings of fact are not supported by substantial evidence or are clearly wrong. Moreover, Jonz has not demonstrated or even alleged that the district court erred as a matter of law.<sup>3</sup>

Therefore, having considered Jonz's contentions and concluded that they are without merit, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Maupin

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Douglas

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Parraguirre

cc: Hon. Michael A. Cherry, District Judge  
Potter Law Offices  
Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City  
Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger  
Clark County Clerk

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<sup>2</sup>See Riley v. State, 110 Nev. 638, 647, 878 P.2d 272, 278 (1994).

<sup>3</sup>Jonz's fast track statement appears to be almost an exact copy of the habeas petition filed in the district court. At one point in the fast track statement, when Jonz refers to a "letter sent to this Honorable Court," he is referring not to this Court, but instead, to the district court.