IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

HAROLD STONEBARGER, Petitioner,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

No. 44311

JAN 13 2005

ORDER DENYING PETITION

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This is a proper person petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner challenges the validity of his judgment of conviction. We have considered the petition on file herein, and we are not satisfied that this court's intervention is warranted at this time. A challenge to the validity of a 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.¹ Petitioner may then appeal from a final, adverse order.² Accordingly, we ORDER the petition DENIED.

Røse J.

Gibbons

Hardesty J.

²See NRS 34.575(1).

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¹See NRS 34.724; NRS 34.738(1). We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could satisfy the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.

cc: Hon. Sally L. Loehrer, District Judge Harold Stonebarger Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger Clark County Clerk