IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL
BERARDUCCI,
Petitioner,
vs.
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK, THE HONORABLE SALLY L.
LOEHRER, DISTRICT JUDGE,
Respondents,
and
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Real Party in Interest.

No. 45610

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges an order of the district court denying a pretrial petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Sally L. Loehrer, Judge.

Petitioner was indicted by a grand jury of open murder with the use of a deadly weapon. He contends that presentation of improper character evidence to the grand jury regarding prior uncharged misconduct requires dismissal of the indictment. Having reviewed the petition and the supporting documentation, we have concluded that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary writ is not warranted. See Robertson v. State, 84 Nev. 559, 445 P.2d 352 (1968) (despite the presentation of improper evidence, an indictment may be sustained if

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA the grand jury heard the slightest sufficient legal evidence and best in degree to establish probable cause to indict). Accordingly, we ORDER the petition DENIED.

Douglas J.

Parraguirre J.

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

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