

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ALVIN JOHN PAIZ,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 46918

FILED

MAR 30 2006

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

JANETTE M. BLOOM
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *J. B. Bland*
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a plea of nolo contendere,¹ of one count of coercion and one count of failure to stop on the signal of a police officer. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Lee A. Gates, Judge.

This court's preliminary review of this appeal reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, the district court entered the judgment of conviction on January 24, 2006. Appellant did not file the notice of appeal, however, until March 9, 2006, after the expiration of the thirty-day appeal period prescribed by NRAP 4(b). An untimely notice of appeal fails

¹Appellant pleaded guilty pursuant to North Carolina v. Alford, 400 U.S. 25 (1970). Under Nevada law, "whenever a defendant maintains his or her innocence but pleads guilty pursuant to Alford, the plea constitutes one of nolo contendere." State v. Gomes, 112 Nev. 1473, 1479, 930 P.2d 701, 705 (1996).

to vest jurisdiction in this court.² Accordingly, we conclude that we lack jurisdiction to consider this appeal, and we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

Douglas, J.
Douglas

Becker, J.
Becker

Parraguirre, J.
Parraguirre

cc: Hon. Lee A. Gates, District Judge
Clark County Public Defender Philip J. Kohn
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²See Lozada v. State, 110 Nev. 349, 871 P.2d 944 (1994).