IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LAVAR G. VARNADO, Petitioner, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 47962

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for an extraordinary writ.

Citing to Article 6, Section 4 of the Nevada Constitution, petitioner challenges the validity of his judgment of conviction.

This court has held that it "will not exercise its original jurisdiction to consider a writ petition in a criminal case raising claims that could or should have been raised in an appeal or in an appropriate post-conviction proceeding in the district court."¹ We have reviewed the documents before this court, and we decline to exercise this court's original jurisdiction in this matter. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of

¹<u>Hosier v. State</u>, 121 Nev. 409, 411, 117 P.3d 212, 213 (2005).

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conviction must be raised in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district court in the first instance.² Accordingly, we ORDER the petition DENIED.

J. Becker

J. Hardestv

J. Parraguirre

cc:

Hon. Nancy M. Saitta, District Judge Lavar G. Varnado Attorney General George Chanos/Carson City Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger Clark County Clerk

 2 <u>See</u> NRS 34.724; NRS 34.738. We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could satisfy the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.

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