

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MICHAEL CURTIS RATLIFF,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 48541

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

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

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a guilty plea, of one count of failure to register as a sex offender. Third Judicial District Court, Lyon County; David A. Huff, Judge. The district court sentenced appellant Michael Curtis Ratliff to serve a prison term of 12-34 months.

Ratliff's sole contention on appeal is that his guilty plea was not validly entered. Specifically, Ratliff claims that he felt coerced into pleading guilty by "ongoing threats and harassment by local law enforcement."

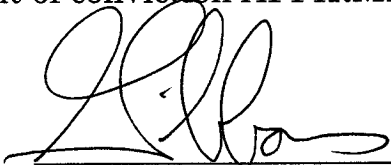
This court has held that, generally, challenges to the validity of a guilty plea must be raised in the district court in the first instance by either filing a motion to withdraw the guilty plea or commencing a post-conviction proceeding pursuant to NRS chapter 34.¹ Because Ratliff has not challenged the validity of his guilty plea in the district court, his claim

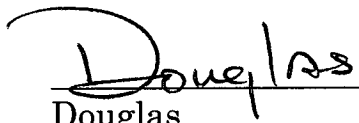
¹Bryant v. State, 102 Nev. 268, 272, 721 P.2d 364, 368 (1986); see also O'Guinn v. State, 118 Nev. 849, 851-52, 59 P.3d 488, 489-90 (2002).

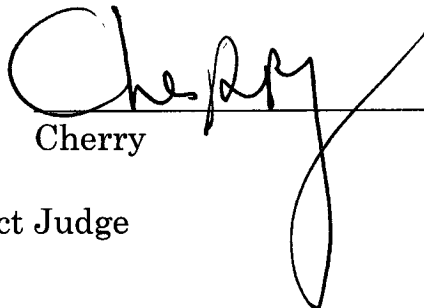
is not appropriate for review on direct appeal from the judgment of conviction, and therefore, we need not address it.²

Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.³


_____, J.
Gibbons


_____, J.
Douglas


_____, J.
Cherry

cc: Hon. David A. Huff, District Judge
Kalter Law Firm P.C.
Michael Curtis Ratliff
Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto/Carson City
Lyon County District Attorney
Lyon County Clerk

²Bryant, 102 Nev. at 272, 721 P.2d at 368.

³Because Ratliff is represented by counsel in this matter, we decline to grant him permission to file documents in proper person in this court. See NRAP 46(b). Accordingly, this court shall take no action and shall not consider the proper person documents Ratliff has submitted to this court in this matter.