

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ANTHONY TERRELL WILLIAMS,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 49216

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a jury verdict, of unauthorized absence constituting escape. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Jackie Glass, Judge. The district court sentenced appellant Anthony Terrell Williams to serve a term of 24 to 60 months in prison.

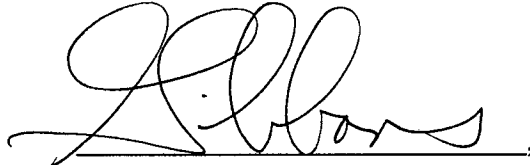
Williams argues that the district court violated his right to due process and to testify in his own defense when it removed him from the courtroom during his trial. The State argues that Williams waived his right to be present.

A defendant may waive his right to be present at trial.¹ We agree with the State that Williams waived his right to be present. Our review of the record indicates that after his case was called for trial but before the jury panel began voir dire, Williams expressed his desire to return to his cell and allow his trial to proceed without him. Because Williams waived his right to be present, he cannot complain that the

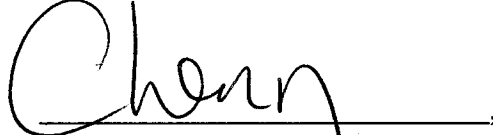
¹See Taylor v. U.S., 414 U.S. 17 (1973); see also Crosby v. U.S., 506 U.S. 255 (1993).

district court, by acceding to his request, violated his right to be present.
We therefore conclude the district court did not err. Accordingly, we

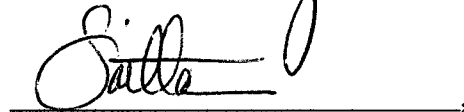
ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.

 _____, J.

Gibbons

 _____, J.

Cherry

 _____, J.

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cc: Hon. Jackie Glass, District Judge
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