

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

FREDERICK MARC COOLEY,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 50806

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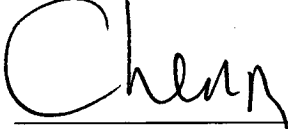
ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

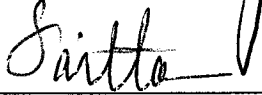
This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to an Alford plea, of possession of a controlled substance. See North Carolina v. Alford, 400 U.S. 25 (1970). Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Valorie Vega, Judge. The district court sentenced appellant Frederick Marc Cooley to serve a prison term of 15 to 38 months.

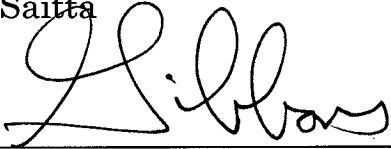
Cooley's sole contention on appeal is that he was denied his right to a speedy trial. This court has repeatedly stated that, generally, the entry of a guilty plea waives any right to appeal from events occurring prior to the entry of the plea. See Webb v. State, 91 Nev. 469, 470, 538 P.2d 164, 165 (1975). "[A] guilty plea represents a break in the chain of events which has preceded it in the criminal process. . . . [A defendant] may not thereafter raise independent claims relating to the deprivation of constitutional rights that occurred prior to the entry of the guilty plea." Id. (quoting Tollett v. Henderson, 411 U.S. 258, 267 (1973)) (first alteration in original). Moreover, there is no indication in the record that Cooley expressly preserved this issue for review on appeal. See NRS 174.035(3). In fact, in the signed, written guilty plea agreement Cooley acknowledged that by pleading guilty he understood that he was giving up

his right to a speedy trial. Accordingly, we conclude that Cooley waived his right to raise a speedy trial claim on appeal, and we

ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.


_____, J.
Cherry


_____, J.
Saitta


_____, J.
Gibbons

cc: Hon. Valorie Vega, District Judge
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