IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SEAN W. ARMSTRONG, Petitioner, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 53224

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for extraordinary relief. Petitioner complains that his appellate counsel, Mr. Paul E. Quade, has failed to adequately represent him in his pending direct appeal, Armstrong v. State, Docket No. 51917. We have reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, and without deciding upon the merits of any claims, we decline to exercise our original jurisdiction in this matter. Petitioner should proceed by and through his appellate counsel in Docket No. 51917. Any claims of ineffective assistance of appellate counsel may be raised in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in

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the district court after his direct appeal is resolved. Accordingly, we ORDER the petition DENIED.

Cherry, J.

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Gibbons, J.

cc: Sixth Judicial District Court Dept. 2, District Judge Sean W. Armstrong Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto/Carson City Humboldt County District Attorney Paul E. Quade Humboldt County Clerk

¹We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could satisfy the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.