

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

FREDRICK L. STRATTON,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 55843

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is a proper person appeal from an order of the district court denying a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus.<sup>1</sup> Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Stefany Miley, Judge.

Appellant filed his petition on December 16, 2009, almost fourteen years after entry of the judgment of conviction on January 20, 1995.<sup>2</sup> Thus, appellant's petition was untimely filed. See NRS 34.726(1). Appellant's petition was procedurally barred absent a demonstration of cause for the delay and undue prejudice. See id. Moreover, because the State specifically pleaded laches, appellant was required to overcome the rebuttable presumption of laches. NRS 34.800(2).

Appellant did not provide a cogent argument that he had cause for the delay. To the extent that he argued that the procedural bars

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<sup>1</sup>This appeal has been submitted for decision without oral argument, NRAP 34(f)(3), and we conclude that the record is sufficient for our review and briefing is unwarranted. See Lockett v. Warden, 91 Nev. 681, 682, 541 P.2d 910, 911 (1975).

<sup>2</sup>No direct appeal was taken.

did not apply because he was challenging the constitutionality of the laws, the jurisdiction of the courts, and this court's interpretation of NRS 193.165, appellant's argument is without merit. Appellant's claims challenge the validity of the judgment of conviction, and thus, the procedural bars do apply in this case.<sup>3</sup> See NRS 34.720(1); NRS 34.724(1).

Next, to the extent that appellant claimed that he had good cause because of the 2007 amendments to NRS 193.165, the 2007 amendments did not provide good cause in the instant case. The 2007 amendments to NRS 193.165 do not apply retroactively, but rather apply only to those offenses committed after July 1, 2007. See State v. Dist. Ct. (Pullin), 124 Nev. 564, 567, 188 P.3d 1079, 1081 (2008). Appellant's offense was committed long before July 1, 2007.

Finally, appellant appeared to argue that a fundamental miscarriage of justice should overcome application of the procedural bars. Specifically, he argued that his due process rights had been violated because the laws reproduced in the Nevada Revised Statutes did not contain an enacting clause as required by the Nevada Constitution. Nev. Const. art. 4, § 23. He further claimed that this court erroneously interpreted NRS 193.165 to require a consecutive sentence. Appellant did not demonstrate a fundamental miscarriage of justice as his argument fell short of demonstrating actual innocence.<sup>4</sup> Calderon v. Thompson, 523

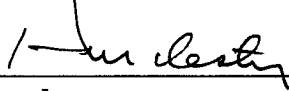
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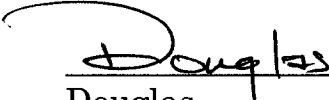
<sup>3</sup>Appellant's claims did not implicate the jurisdiction of the courts. Nev. Const. art. 6, § 6; NRS 171.010.


<sup>4</sup>We note that the Statutes of Nevada contain the laws with the enacting clauses required by the constitution. The Nevada Revised Statutes reproduce those laws as classified, codified, and annotated by the Legislative Counsel. NRS 220.120.

U.S. 538, 559 (1998); Schlup v. Delo, 513 U.S. 298, 327 (1995); see also Pellegrini v. State, 117 Nev. 860, 887, 34 P.3d 519, 537 (2001); Mazzan v. Warden, 112 Nev. 838, 842, 921 P.2d 920, 922 (1996). Finally, appellant failed to overcome the presumption of prejudice to the State. We therefore conclude that the district court did not err in denying appellant's petition.<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Hardesty

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Douglas

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Pickering

cc: Hon. Stefany Miley, District Judge  
Fredrick L. Stratton  
Attorney General/Carson City  
Clark County District Attorney  
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<sup>5</sup>We further conclude that the district court did not err in denying his request for a writ of mandamus or declaratory judgment. NRS 34.170.