

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JOSE A. VARELA, JR.,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 56004

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner appears to be challenging the validity of his judgment of conviction and sentence. We have reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, and without deciding upon the merits of any claims, we decline to exercise original jurisdiction in this matter. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction and sentence must be raised in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the district in the first instance.<sup>1</sup> NRS 34.727(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

*Cherry*, J.  
Cherry

*Saitta*, J.  
Saitta

*Gibbons*, J.  
Gibbons

<sup>1</sup>We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could meet the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.

cc: Jose A. Varela Jr.  
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Eighth District Court Clerk