IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

NICK BENJAMEN AIELLO, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 56498

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a plea entered in accordance with <u>North Carolina v. Alford</u>, 400 U.S. 25 (1970), of sexually motivated coercion. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Kathy A. Hardcastle, Judge.

Appellant Nick Benjamin Aiello contends that the district court abused its discretion by denying his post-conviction motion to withdraw his <u>Alford</u> plea. Aiello's notice of appeal, however, states that he is appealing from the judgment of conviction, and a district court order denying a post-conviction motion to withdraw a plea is a final, separately appealable order not reviewable on direct appeal. <u>See Hargrove v. State</u>, 100 Nev. 498, 502, 686 P.2d 222, 225 (1984) ("an order denying a postconviction motion to withdraw a plea of guilty is appealable as an order 'refusing a new trial' within the meaning of NRS 177.015"); see also NRS

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177.015(1)(b). Therefore, Aiello's claim is not properly raised at this time and we need not address it. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.

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Hon. Kathy A. Hardcastle, District Judge cc: Clark County Public Defender Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney Eighth District Court Clerk

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