

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DEANDRE T. HUDSON,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 58009

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a district court order denying appellant Deandre T. Hudson's post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; J. Charles Thompson, Judge.¹

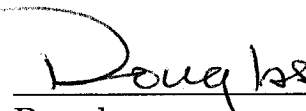
Hudson contends that the district court erred by denying his habeas petition because he was improperly denied his right to a direct appeal and ineffective assistance of counsel resulted in the entry of an invalid guilty plea. Hudson claims that he did not understand the charges against him and the consequences of his plea. We disagree.


When reviewing the district court's resolution of an ineffective-assistance claim, we give deference to the court's factual findings if they are supported by substantial evidence and not clearly wrong but review the court's application of the law to those facts de novo. Lader v. Warden, 121 Nev. 682, 686, 120 P.3d 1164, 1166 (2005). Here, the district court found good cause sufficient to excuse the untimeliness of Hudson's petition, see NRS 34.726(1), conducted an evidentiary hearing,

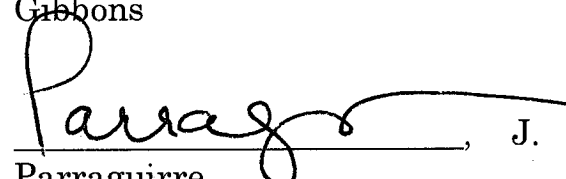
¹The Honorable James A. Brennan, Senior Judge, presided over the evidentiary hearing on Hudson's habeas petition.

and concluded that Hudson did not receive ineffective assistance of counsel. See Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 687-88 (1984); Kirksey v. State, 112 Nev. 980, 987, 923 P.2d 1102, 1107 (1996). The district court also concluded that Hudson entered a valid plea, see Bryant v. State, 102 Nev. 268, 272, 721 P.2d 364, 368 (1986), and was not improperly denied his right to a direct appeal, see Lozada v. State, 110 Nev. 349, 354, 871 P.2d 944, 947 (1994). The district court's findings are supported by substantial evidence and are not clearly wrong, and Hudson has not demonstrated that the district court erred as a matter of law. Therefore, we conclude that the district court did not err by rejecting these claims. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.


_____, J.
Douglas


_____, J.
Gibbons


_____, J.
Parraguirre

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Hon. J. Charles Thompson, Senior Judge
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