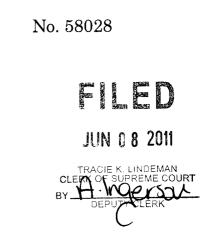
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

VERA LOPEZ, Petitioner, vs. THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE LINDA MARIE BELL, DISTRICT JUDGE, Respondents, and THE STATE OF NEVADA, Real Party in Interest.



11-16245

ORDER DENYING PETITION

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges an order of the district court denying petitioner Vera Lopez's pretrial writ of habeas corpus seeking to dismiss the indictment against her. Lopez argues that she was deprived of her right to testify in front of the grand jury because she did not receive notice that complied with NRS 172.241 and <u>Sheriff v. Marcum</u>, 105 Nev. 824, 783 P.2d 1389 (1989). Upon arrest, Lopez was given a "Notice of Intent to Seek Indictment" form, which she signed in acknowledgment of receipt. Lopez concedes that she signed the form, but argues that notice was nevertheless unreasonably conveyed because it was given to her during her arrest when she was too harried to read it and she subsequently misplaced it. As the form was given to Lopez more than 5 days before the grand jury convened and it advised her that she could testify only if she submitted a written request to the district attorney's office, it constituted adequate notice. <u>See</u> NRS

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA 172.241(2). We therefore conclude that our intervention in this matter is not warranted.

Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

J. Cherry J. J. Gibbons Pickering

cc: Hon. Linda Marie Bell, District Judge Clark County Public Defender Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney Eighth District Court Clerk

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