IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LAVELL ROBERSON, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 58572

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE



This is an appeal from an order of the district court denying appellant Lavell Roberson's post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; J. Charles Thompson, Senior Judge.

Roberson contends that the district court abused its discretion by denying his claims that trial counsel was ineffective for failing to regularly visit him in jail and adequately investigate his case in preparation for trial. However, Roberson fails to support this contention with any cogent argument and merely cites to this court's opinion in Doleman v. State, 112 Nev. 843, 921 P.2d 278 (1996). See Maresca v. State, 103 Nev. 669, 673, 748 P.2d 3, 6 (1987) ("It is appellant's responsibility to present relevant authority and cogent argument" (emphasis added)). To succeed in a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel a petitioner must show both deficient performance and resulting prejudice. See Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 687–88 (1984) (establishing two-part test for evaluating claims of ineffective assistance of counsel); Means v. State, 120 Nev. 1001, 1011, 103 P.3d 25, 31-32 (2004) (explaining this test). Roberson has failed to establish that the district

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court erred by denying his claims, <u>see Lader v. Warden</u>, 121 Nev. 682, 686, 120 P.3d 1164, 1166 (2005), and we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

Cherry, J

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Hardesty, J.

cc: Chief Judge, The Eighth Judicial District Court Hon. J. Charles Thompson, Senior Judge Keith C. Brower Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney Eighth District Court Clerk