IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

WILLIE T. SMITH, Petitioner,	No. 58723
vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; JAMES G. COX; AND THE STATE OF	FILED
NEVADA, Respondents.	AUG 3 0 2011
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ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandate. Petitioner challenges 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 raised therein, we decline to exercise original jurisdiction in this matter. <u>See</u> NRS 34.160. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction must be raised in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district court in the first instance.¹ NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

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Killon, J.	Pickering	, J.
Gibbons	Pickering \mathcal{J}	

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

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