## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ALLEN JOSEPH STOUT, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 60102

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## ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a guilty plea, of coercion. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Michael Villani, Judge. The district court sentenced appellant to a term of 20 to 60 months to be served consecutively to a sentence imposed for a conviction in another criminal case.

Appellant's sole contention on appeal is that the district court abused its discretion by sentencing him to a consecutive rather than a concurrent sentence, considering that his conduct stemmed from a tumultuous relationship with the victim rather than a random act. This court has consistently afforded the district court wide discretion in its sentencing decision, see, e.g., Houk v. State, 103 Nev. 659, 664, 747 P.2d 1376, 1379 (1987), including imposing consecutive sentences, see NRS 176.035(1); Warden v. Peters, 83 Nev. 298, 303, 429 P.2d 549, 552 (1967). Appellant does not allege that the district court relied on impalpable or highly suspect evidence, see Silks v. State, 92 Nev. 91, 94, 545 P.2d 1159, 1161 (1976), or that the relevant statutes are unconstitutional, see Blume v. State, 112 Nev. 472, 475, 915 P.2d 282, 284 (1996), and the sentence imposed is within the parameters provided by the relevant statute, see

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NRS 207.190. And although appellant's sentence is significant, it is not "so unreasonably disproportionate to the offense as to shock the conscience." <u>Blume</u>, 112 Nev. at 475, 915 P.2d at 284 (quoting <u>Culverson v. State</u>, 95 Nev. 433, 435, 596 P.2d 220, 221-22 (1979)).

Having considered appellant's contention and concluded that it is without merit, we

ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.

Douglas

<u>,</u> J.

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cc: Hon. Michael Villani, District Judge Clark County Public Defender Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney Eighth District Court Clerk

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