

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

PHILIP J. TAFT,
Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE
VALORIE J. VEGA, DISTRICT JUDGE,
Respondents,
and
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Real Party in Interest.

No. 62328

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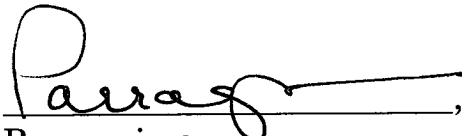
ORDER DENYING PETITION

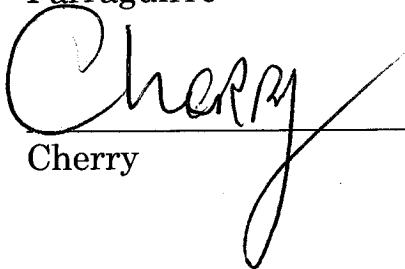
This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandamus. Petitioner seeks an order directing the district court to dismiss his kidnapping charges and allow him to renegotiate his plea agreement. We have reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, and without deciding upon the merits of any claims raised therein, we decline to exercise original jurisdiction in this matter. NRS 34.160; NRS 34.170. A challenge to the validity of a 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.


_____, J.
Hardesty


_____, J.
Parraguirre


_____, J.
Cherry

cc: Philip J. Taft
Attorney General/Carson City
Clark County District Attorney
Eighth District Court Clerk

¹We express no opinion as to whether petitioner may satisfy the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34 at this time.