

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BRUCE GELOK,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 35814

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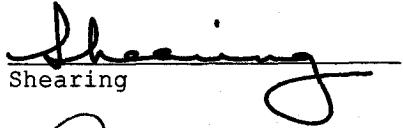
ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a guilty plea, of one count of second degree arson. The district court sentenced appellant to a prison term of 12-48 months. The district court suspended the sentence and placed appellant on probation for a period not to exceed five years.

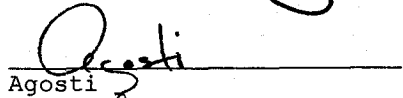
Appellant contends that his guilty plea was not knowingly and voluntarily entered. However, this court does not "permit a defendant to challenge the validity of a guilty plea on direct appeal from the judgment of conviction." *Bryant v. State*, 102 Nev. 268, 272, 721 P.2d 364, 368 (1986). Such a challenge must be raised in the district court in the first instance by bringing a motion to withdraw the guilty plea or by commencing a post-conviction proceeding under NRS chapter 34. See id. We decline appellant's invitation to overrule Bryant.

Having concluded that appellant's contention is not appropriate for review on direct appeal, we

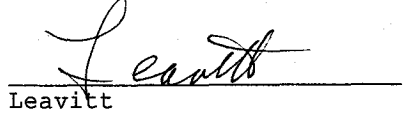
ORDER this appeal dismissed.


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cc: Hon. Mark W. Gibbons, District Judge
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Clark County Clerk