

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DEMETRIUS EDWARD JOSEPH,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 69175

**FILED**

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**ORDER DENYING PETITION**

This is a pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner challenges the validity of his judgment of conviction. 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. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction must be raised in a postconviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district court in the first instance.<sup>1</sup> NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

*[Signature]*, J.  
Saitta

*[Signature]*, J.  
Gibbons

*[Signature]*, J.  
Pickering

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

cc: Demetrius Edward Joseph  
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Clark County District Attorney  
Eighth District Court Clerk