IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BRUCE HARRISON BIRCH, Petitioner, vs. THE HONORABLE WILLIAM A. MADDOX, Respondent. No. 72796 FILED MAY 3 1 2017 CLIARAE THARROWN BY DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

This is an original petition for a writ of mandamus that seeks an order directing state court employees to rescind a letter allegedly sent to the Nevada Department of Corrections and to show cause why they failed to file certain documents that were allegedly submitted for filing.

A writ of mandamus is available to compel the performance of an act that the law requires as a duty resulting from an office, trust, or station or to control an arbitrary or capricious exercise of discretion. See NRS 34.160; Int'l Game Tech., Inc. v. Second Judicial Dist. Court, 124 Nev. 193, 197, 179 P.3d 556, 558 (2008). A writ of mandamus will not issue, however, if the petitioner has a plain, speedy, and adequate remedy at law. See NRS 34.170; Int'l Game Tech., 124 Nev. at 197, 179 P.3d at 558. Further, mandamus is an extraordinary remedy, and it is within the discretion of this court to determine if a petition will be considered. See Smith v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 107 Nev. 674, 677, 818 P.2d 849, 851 (1991). Petitioner bears the burden of demonstrating that extraordinary relief is warranted. See Pan v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 120 Nev. 222, 228, 88 P.3d 840, 844 (2004).

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Having considered the petition, we conclude that petitioner has failed to demonstrate that our extraordinary intervention is warranted. See *id.* Accordingly, we deny the petition. NRAP 21(b)(1); *Smith*, 107 Nev. at 677, 818 P.2d at 851.

It is so ORDERED.

Silver C.J.

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