IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

TYRONE BLACK,

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

No. 36626

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

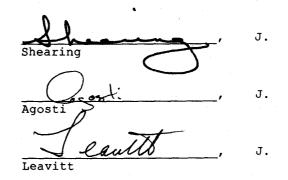
This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a guilty plea, of one count each of robbery with the use of a deadly weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery. The district court sentenced appellant to serve two consecutive terms of 35 to 156 months in prison for armed robbery and a concurrent term of 13 to 60 months for conspiracy.

Appellant's sole contention is that he did not knowingly and voluntarily plead guilty because he did not understand the consequences of his plea and felt coerced into pleading guilty. 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. Id. Accordingly, we conclude that the issue raised by appellant is not appropriate for review on direct appeal from the judgment of conviction, and we therefore

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ORDER this appeal dismissed.



cc: Hon. Jeffrey D. Sobel, District Judge
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