IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DANIEL JOHN VASU, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent.

No. 74329

AUG 2 4 2018

ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

Daniel John Vasu appeals from a judgment of conviction, entered pursuant to a guilty plea, of failure to stop at the scene of a crash involving personal injury or death. Fourth Judicial District Court, Elko County; Nancy L. Porter, Judge.

Vasu argues the district court abused its discretion by sentencing him to a prison term greater than recommended by the Division of Parole and Probation.

The district court has wide discretion in its sentencing decision. See Houk v. State, 103 Nev. 659, 664, 747 P.2d 1376, 1379 (1987). We will not interfere with the sentence imposed by the district court "[s]o long as the record does not demonstrate prejudice resulting from consideration of information or accusations founded on facts supported only by impalpable or highly suspect evidence." Silks v. State, 92 Nev. 91, 94, 545 P.2d 1159, 1161 (1976).

A review of the record reveals the district court heard the arguments of the parties, considered letters and testimony from friends and family in support of Vasu, and heard testimony from the victim's family, and determined a prison term of 8 to 20 years was the appropriate sentence

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in this matter. The sentence was within the parameters of the relevant statute. See NRS 484E.010(3). And the district court is not required to follow the sentencing recommendation of the Division of Parole and Probation. See Collins v. State, 88 Nev. 168, 171, 494 P.2d 956, 957 (1972). We conclude the district court did not abuse its discretion at sentencing, and we

ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.

Zilner C.J.

Silver

J. Tao

J. Gibbon

cc: Hon. Nancy L. Porter, District Judge Lockie & Macfarlan, Ltd. Attorney General/Carson City Elko County District Attorney Elko County Clerk

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