IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

GARY SHEPARD,

Petitioner,

vs.

JERRY HOWELL, WARDEN SDCC,

NDOC,

Respondent.

No. 77028-COA

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

In this original postconviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus, Gary Shepard challenges his judgment of conviction and alleges he received ineffective assistance of counsel. A claim of ineffective assistance of counsel should be raised in a postconviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district court in the first instance. See NRS 34.724; NRS 34.738(1). Therefore, without deciding the merit of the claim raised, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

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cc: Gary Shepard

Attorney General/Carson City

¹We express no opinion regarding whether Shepard could meet the procedural requirements for filing such a petition. See NRS 34.726(1); NRS 34.800; NRS 34.810.