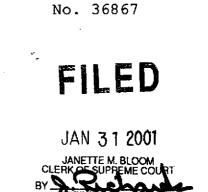
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DONALD E. DONOVAN, Appellant, vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

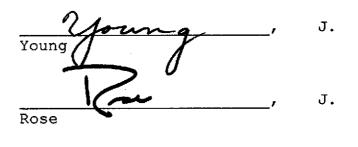


ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from an order of the district court denying appellant's post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

In the petition, appellant presented claims of ineffective assistance of counsel. The district court found that counsel was not ineffective. The district court's factual findings regarding a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel are entitled to deference when reviewed on appeal. <u>See Riley v. State</u>, 110 Nev. 638, 647, 878 P.2d 272, 278 (1994). Appellant has not demonstrated that the district court's findings of fact are not supported by substantial evidence or are clearly wrong. Moreover, appellant has not demonstrated that the district court erred as a matter of law. Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the attached order of the district court, the order of the district court is affirmed.

It is so ORDERED.



J.

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cc: Hon. Janet J. Berry, District Judge Attorney General Washoe County District Attorney Scott W. Edwards Washoe County Clerk