


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MERCEDES JAMES,
Petitioner,
vs.
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE ERIC
JOHNSON, DISTRICT JUDGE,
Respondents,
and
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Real Party in Interest.

No. 69388

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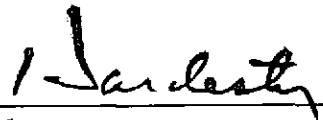
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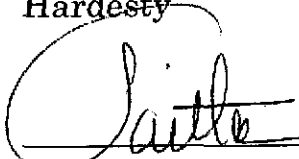
ORDER DENYING PETITION

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or, in the alternative, a writ of prohibition challenges a district court order denying a pretrial petition for a writ of habeas corpus in which petitioner contended that a charge of sex trafficking of a child under 18 years of age is not supported by probable cause. Our review of a pretrial probable cause determination through an original writ petition is disfavored, *see Kussman v. District Court*, 96 Nev. 544, 545-46, 612 P.2d 679, 680 (1980), and petitioner has not demonstrated that her challenge to the probable cause determination fits the exceptions we have made for purely legal issues, *see Ostman v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 107 Nev. 563, 565, 816

P.2d 458; 459-60 (1991); *State v. Babayan*, 106 Nev. 155, 174, 787 P.2d 805, 819-20 (1990). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.


_____, J.
Hardesty


_____, J.
Saitta


_____, J.
Pickering

cc: Hon. Eric Johnson, District Judge
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Attorney General/Carson City
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