IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ANDRE LAMONT ASBURY, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 81733-COA

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

Andre Lamont Asbury appeals from a judgment of conviction, entered pursuant to an *Alford*¹ plea, of attempted sexual assault. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Michael Villani, Judge.

Asbury challenges the validity of his plea. Asbury did not challenge the validity of his plea below, and we decline to consider this claim because it is not properly raised in the first instance on direct appeal. See Harris v. State, 130 Nev. 435, 448, 329 P.3d 619, 628 (2014) ("[A] postconviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus provides the exclusive remedy for a challenge to the validity of the guilty plea made after sentencing."). Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.

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J. Tao

J. Bulla

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¹North Carolina v. Alford, 400 U.S. 25 (1970).

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