


IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JOSEPH WASHINGTON,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 88594-COA

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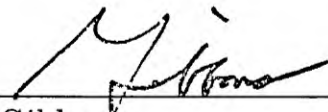
*ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE*

Joseph Washington appeals from a district court order denying a “motion to vacate illegal sentence” filed on April 2, 2024. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Michelle Leavitt, Judge.


In his motion, Washington alleged his sentence was illegal because the State could not prove the elements of the crime to which he pleaded guilty, attempted lewdness with a child under the age of 14, as the victim’s statement was that the sexual acts actually took place. Washington’s claim challenged the validity of his judgment of conviction and was thus outside the scope of claims permissible in a motion to modify or correct an illegal sentence. *See Edwards v. State*, 112 Nev. 704, 708, 918 P.2d 321, 324 (1996). Therefore, without considering the merits of this

claim, we conclude the district court did not err by denying Washington's motion. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.<sup>1</sup>

  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.J.  
Gibbons

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Bulla

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Westbrook

cc: Hon. Michelle Leavitt, District Judge  
Joseph Washington  
Attorney General/Carson City  
Clark County District Attorney  
Eighth District Court Clerk

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<sup>1</sup>We have reviewed all documents Washington has filed in this matter, and we conclude no relief from the district court's order is warranted based upon those submissions.