

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

FERRILL VOLPICELLI,  
Petitioner,

vs.

THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
WASHOE, AND THE HONORABLE  
KATHLEEN A. SIGURDSON,  
DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY CHRISTOPHER HICKS  
AND THE NEVADA ATTORNEY  
GENERAL,  
Real Parties in Interest.

No. 91112

**FILED**

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY  DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER DENYING MANDAMUS OR PROHIBITION PETITION*


This is an original pro se petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenging the admission of a certified copy of petitioner's 1998 burglary conviction for habitual criminal adjudication purposes at his sentencing hearing.

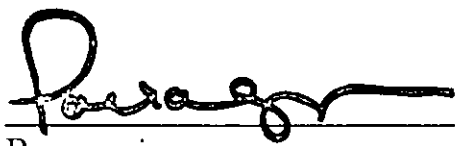
Petitioner was convicted in 2004 after a three-day jury trial of conspiracy to commit a crime against property, eight counts of burglary, and forgery or counterfeiting of inventory pricing labels. Petitioner was adjudicated as a habitual criminal and sentenced to serve concurrent and consecutive prison terms totaling 20 years to life in the aggregate to be served consecutively to other prison terms petitioner was serving at the time. In his petition, petitioner is challenging the State's use of a 1998 burglary conviction for habitual criminal adjudication purposes. Petitioner


claims that the admission of the 1998 judgment of conviction at his sentencing hearing violated a pretrial order of the district court.

Having considered the petition and attached documentation, we are not convinced that our extraordinary and discretionary intervention is warranted. *Pan v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 120 Nev. 222, 228, 88 P.3d 840, 844 (2004) (observing that the party seeking writ relief bears the burden of showing that such relief is warranted); *Smith v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 107 Nev. 674, 677, 818 P.2d 849, 851 (1991) (recognizing that writ relief is an extraordinary remedy and that this court has sole discretion in determining whether to entertain a writ petition). As petitioner has failed to demonstrate that our intervention by extraordinary writ is warranted, we decline to exercise our original jurisdiction in this matter. See NRAP 21(b). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.J.  
Herndon

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Parraguirre

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Stiglich

cc: Hon. Kathleen A. Sigurdson, District Judge  
Ferrill Joseph Volpicelli  
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Washoe County District Attorney  
Washoe District Court Clerk