

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SHELDON RAY JOHNSON,  
Petitioner,

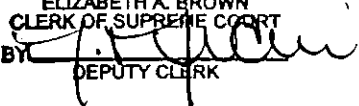
vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK  
AND THE HONORABLE MICHELLE  
LEAVITT, DISTRICT JUDGE,  
Respondents,  
and  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Real Party in Interest.

No. 90242

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*ORDER DENYING PETITION*


This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges a district court decision denying petitioner Sheldon Ray Johnson's motion to set reasonable bail and/or grant pretrial release.


Having considered Johnson's petition, we conclude that our extraordinary and discretionary intervention is not warranted. *See* NRS 34.160; NRS 34.320; *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 such relief is warranted); *Smith v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 107 Nev. 674, 677, 679, 818 P.2d 849, 851, 853 (1991) (recognizing that writ relief is an extraordinary remedy and that this court has sole discretion in determining whether to entertain a writ petition); *Goicoechea v. Fourth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 96 Nev. 287, 289, 607 P.2d 1140, 1141 (1980) (providing that a writ of prohibition "will not issue if the court sought to be restrained had jurisdiction to hear and determine the matter under consideration").

In particular, a defendant charged with first-degree murder may be denied bail if the proof of guilt is evident or the presumption of guilt is great. Nev. Const. art. 1, § 7; NRS 178.484(4). The district court has broad discretion in determining the amount of proof the State must produce to deny bail. *See Serrano v. State*, 83 Nev. 324, 328, 429 P.2d 831, 833 (1967). The district court took note of Johnson's inculpatory statements, cell phone evidence indicating that Johnson's phone traveled from Johnson's California residence to the area in Las Vegas where the victim was killed around the time of the killing, and accomplice grand jury testimony corroborated by the inculpatory statements and cell phone evidence. On this basis, we conclude that Johnson has failed to show the district court abused its broad discretion in finding the presumption great and denying bail. *Cf. Sewall v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 137 Nev. 90, 92, 481 P.3d 1249, 1252 (2021) (observing that a district court abuses its discretion when it denies bail based on evidence with a conjectural connection to the alleged offense). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Bell

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

cc: Hon. Michelle Leavitt, District Judge  
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Clark County District Attorney  
Eighth District Court Clerk