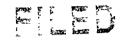
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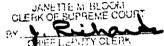
MICHAEL YOUNGBLOOD A/K/A
MICHAEL BUSTAMANTI,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 40186



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This is an appeal from an order of the district court denying appellant's pre-sentencing motion to withdraw his guilty plea. Our review of the documents before this court has revealed a jurisdictional defect. No statute or court rule provides for a separate and independent appeal from an order of the district court denying a pre-judgment motion to withdraw a guilty plea.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See NRS 177.015(3) ("The defendant only may appeal from a final judgment or verdict in a criminal case."); NRS 177.045 ("Upon the appeal, any decision of the court in an intermediate order or proceeding, forming a part of the record, may be reviewed."); Lee v. State, 115 Nev. 207, 210, 985 P.2d 164, 166 (1999) ("[A] district court's ruling on a pre-judgment motion to withdraw a guilty plea is reviewable on direct appeal from the judgment as an intermediate order in the proceeding.").

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA Accordingly, we conclude that we lack jurisdiction to entertain this appeal and we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.2

Rose, J.

Young, J.

Agosti , J.

cc: Hon. Jeffrey D. Sobel, District Judge Christiansen Law Offices Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney Clark County Clerk Michael Youngblood

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The dismissal of this appeal is without prejudice to appellant's right to file a timely notice of appeal from the judgment of conviction.