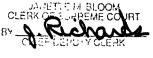
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

WILLIAM J. RUNDLE, Petitioner, vs. THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE KATHY A. HARDCASTLE, DISTRICT JUDGE, Respondents, and THE STATE OF NEVADA, Real Party in Interest.

No. 40935



ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is an original petition for a writ of prohibition or mandamus. The State has charged petitioner with first-degree murder and robbery and seeks a death sentence. Petitioner asks this court for a writ compelling the district court to vacate its ruling granting the State's motion to admit evidence of prior bad acts. Petitioner also filed an emergency motion for a stay, and this court entered an order temporarily staying trial pending receipt of the State's opposition to the motion. The State has filed an opposition. We have considered the petition, motion, and all documents on file herein,¹ and we are not satisfied that this court's

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¹Petitioner has also submitted a reply in support of his emergency motion and a motion requesting permission to file the reply. Cause appearing, we grant the motion and direct the clerk of this court to file the reply received on March 3, 2003.

intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted at this time. Accordingly, we deny the petition.² We also deny the emergency motion and lift the temporary stay previously entered.

It is so ORDERED.

J. Rose Taup 1 J. Maupin J. Gibbons Hon. Kathy A. Hardcastle, District Judge **Clark County Public Defender** Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger **Clark County Clerk** ²See NRS 34.160.

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