

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ANTHONY BLAINE DOTSON,
Petitioner,
vs.
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE
MICHAEL CHERRY, DISTRICT
JUDGE,
Respondents,
and
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Real Party in Interest.

No. 41145

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JANETTE M. BLOOM
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *[Signature]*
DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DENYING PETITION

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges an order of the district court rejecting a guilty plea and directing a jury trial to proceed on guilt and penalty phase issues in a capital murder case. Petitioner also seeks an emergency stay of the trial set for March 31, 2003. Having considered the petition, we have concluded that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary writ is not warranted at this time. Accordingly, we deny the petition. We also deny petitioner's request for a stay of the trial.

It is so ORDERED.

[Signature] J.
Shearing

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Leavitt

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Becker

cc: Hon. Michael A. Cherry, District Judge
Special Public Defender
Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City
Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger
Clark County Clerk