## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SOMSANAK N. MAOKHAMPHIOU, Petitioner, vs. WARDEN, ELY STATE PRISON, E.K. MCDANIEL, Respondent. No. 42227

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## ORDER DENYING PETITION

This is a proper person petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Appellant challenges the constitutionality of NRS 193.168 (setting forth an additional penalty for a felony committed to promote activities of a criminal gang). We have considered the petition on file herein, and we are not satisfied that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted. A petition for a writ of habeas corpus should be filed in the district court in the first instance.<sup>1</sup> Petitioner may then appeal to this

<sup>1</sup>NRS 34.720; NRAP 22.

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court from an adverse decision.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.<sup>3</sup>

J. Rose J. Leavitt J. Maupin

cc: Somsanak N. Maokhamphiou Attorney General Brian Sandoval/Carson City Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger Clark County Clerk

<sup>2</sup>NRS 34.575.

<sup>3</sup>We have considered all proper person documents filed or received in this matter, and we conclude that the relief requested is not warranted.

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