IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SIAOSI VANISI, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 50607

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<u>ORDER</u>

This case is currently scheduled for oral argument on March 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Although counsel should be prepared to address any of the issues raised in this appeal, counsel should be prepared specifically to address: (1) whether the district court erred in concluding that the jury's consideration of an aggravator that is invalid under <u>McConnell v. State</u>, 120 Nev. 1043, 102 P.3d 606 (2004) was harmless beyond a reasonable doubt; (2) whether the district court erred in rejecting appellant's claims that trial counsel provided ineffective assistance; and (3) whether the district court erred in finding appellant competent to proceed with the post-conviction petition, including whether a petitioner must be competent in order to proceed with a post-conviction petition, the standard for determining competency to procees to be used when a petitioner is found to be incompetent to proceed with a post-conviction petition.

It is so ORDERED.

a C.J.

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