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#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Defendant Justin Porter filed a written argument concerning his <u>Jackson v. Denno</u>, 378 U.S. 368, 84 S.Ct. 1774 (1964). The State filed their written argument on August 18, 2006. Argument is scheduled on October 24, 2006. The defense provides the following reply to State's written argument.

As this court knows, the State bears the burden of showing this court that Justin Porter's statements were given pursuant to lawful Miranda warnings, and given voluntarily, by a preponderance of the evidence. The defense has alleged that:

- I. Justin Porter did not knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive his rights under Miranda (384 U.S. 436 (1996).
- II. Justin Porter's statements to Chicago and Las Vegas detectives were not voluntary since they were the product of coercion and on promises which included him to make confessions and admissions involuntarily.

#### **ARGUMENT**

I. Justin Porter did not knowingly and intellingently waive his rights under Miranda.

It is undisputed that the only actual proof we have of Justin Porter being Mirandized, and his response to those warnings occurred on August 12, 2000 at 1930 hours Chicago time, despite various detectives claiming Justin was Mirandized a number of times earlier, all off the record, so not subject to actual verification. The waiver as represented by the State consisted of:

Q. (by Detective Jensen, LVMPD) Ok. And do you understand your rights?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The only evidence this court has that Justin was earlier Mirandized twice by Chicago Detective Kristen Kato came from Kato's own testimony at the <u>Denno</u> hearing. These events were not memorialized despite the fact that Kato testified that when a suspect confesses in Chicago, he may choose a court reported statement, handwritten statement, or videotaped statement. None of these things occurred in this case. (Transcript, March 8, 2004 p.48).

A. Hm, kinda I do, but sometimes .... I yes. (according to Metro's transcription).

The actual answer Justin gave on tape was:

A. Hm, kinda I do, but sometimes... I, <u>I don't</u>, yes. (PHT Nov. 1, 2000 p.114-115). This cannot be considered as a citizen indicating he understands these most important rights.

We know for sure from testimony at the Jackson v. Denno hearing that:

- Justin Porter is classified with "borderline intelligence" according to testing
  administrated by Dr. John Paglini. He has been in "special education" classes, and
  had to repeat the first grade.
- 2. That 93 out of 100 people in Justin's current age range scored better than he did in relation to his verbal abilities.
- That Justin Porter's reading abilities are currently comparable to a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader according to the Wide Range Achievement Test.
- 4. That Justin Porter's spelling abilities are currently comparable to a first grader according to the Wide Range Achievement Test, and those spelling abilities were described as "very severely impaired" by Dr. John Paglini.
- 5. When questioned about whether it was possible that Justin may be malingering. Dr. Paglini stated that with respect to the adult intelligence test, the Wide Range Achievement Test, and the individual achievement test, there was no evidence of malingering. Justin's behavior indicated he was trying to succeed, not fail. (Transcript, February 8, 2005, pp. 25-26).

Further evidence that Justin is indeed of borderline intelligence consists of the fact that the I.Q. tests given him in grade school are comparable with the latest and other tests that Dr. Paglini administered pursuant to our request.

The fact of the matter is that these tests all indicate that Justin's I.Q. suggests borderline intelligence which is right over mental retardation. That makes Justin severely impaired. (Transcript, February 8, 2005, p.33).

- 6. That when Justin was asked to read the advisement of Rights card by Detective Jensen, the only actual Miranda waiver we have proof of, and the last time he was supposedly Mirandized according to the State's witnesses, he could not read the words, was trying to simply pronounce them, was eventually helped along in his pronunciation by Detective Jensen. Justin Porter did not even understand some of the words he was sounding out.
- 7. That after this failed attempt to have Justin read the advisement card; Detective Jensen asked him if he understand his rights. Justin's reply was "Hm kinda I do, but sometimes... I, I don't, yes".
- 8. That Detective Jensen made no effect whatsoever to question Justin further as to what he did not understand, or to clear up any obvious concerns a reasonable interrogator should have had as to the ambiguous answer he was just given as to the extremely important issue of whether this suspect had any understanding of the rights he was being advised of.
- 9. That the reason Detective Jensen did not do what the law demands of him in this regard is because by his own testimony, if a suspect invokes his right to remain silent, it impedes the gathering of information. (Transcript, March 8, 2005 p. 175-176.)
- 10. That Dr. Greg Brown, a psychiatrist administrated an "Assessing Understanding and Appreciation of Miranda Rights Test' devised by Dr. Thomas Grisso, and Justin scored in the lowest one percentile which indicates that 99 out of 100 people would score higher than he did.

The fact of the matter is that Detective Jensen was on notice that Justin had difficulty understanding his Miranda warnings. This was based on Justin's inability to read the warnings

card, and on Justin's equivocal answer to the all important question of whether he understood what he had just been helped to read.

All the parties to this hearing agree that the State of the law is clear in that a valid waiver of rights under Miranda must be voluntary, knowingly, and intelligent. (See Miranda v. State, 130 P.3d 176 (2005), State v. Taylor, 114 Nev. 1071 (1995)). The State cites Koger v. State, 117 Nev. 138, 17 P.3d 428 (2001) and represented that it addresses issues similar to those raised in the case at bar. In that case the court wrote that, "Koger first claims that she did not understand her rights as given by Detective Mayo during the second interview and, therefore, that she did not waive her rights voluntarily. During that interview Koger responded that she "kind of" understood her rights as given during the first interview at Treasure Island. Prior to further questioning, Detective Mayo again advised Koger of her rights and inquired whether she understood them at that time. Koger then responded, "Yes, I do." Thereupon, Detective Mayo began the interview. The record shows no further indication of Koger attempting to stop the interview or otherwise invoking or misunderstanding her Miranda rights. In light of these facts, we conclude that Koger knowingly and voluntarily waived her Miranda rights before answering Detective Mayo, and thus the trial court properly admitted her statements."

That case seems to stand for the proposition that when a suspect indicates a misunderstanding of Miranda right ("kind of"), the waiver is not knowingly and voluntarily given.

That makes perfect sense as any other result would render the Miranda warnings meaningless. This court should note that the reason the Court ruled the trial court in that case properly admitted Koger's statements is because the detective explained the rights to Koger after she answered "kind of" when initially asked if she understood. In other words, when re-Mirandized, she gave an unequivocal answer to the question of whether she understood. Under that circumstance, the State has a right to conclude that she did understand.

The State's own submission points this out to the court on p. 55:

"Later that same day, at his office, Detective Mayo conducted a second interview of Koger.

Prior to questioning, Detective Mayo again admonished Koger of her Miranda rights. Then,
referring to their first interview, Detective Mayo inquired whether Koger had understood her rights
"the first time." Koger responded, "Yes, I do." Koger was also given a Miranda waiver form
which she read and signed. Id."

That case shows that when detectives do the right thing, and follow the dictates of the law, the State will be permitted to use a suspect's statements against him.

In our case, Detective Jensen had every reason to know Justin did not understand the wording or implication of the waiver card, and made no effect to explain it or go over it again, because by his own admission he did not want Justin to invoke his right to remain silent, or to request the assistance of an attorney. (Transcript, March 8, 2005, p.175-176). The fact that Justin was a minor, and couldn't even read the advisement card to Jensen should and probably did put that Detective on notice that he was dealing with a person who needed further explanation or clarification of the important rights he was asked to waive. The final and most disturbing piece of evidence that Justin was not knowingly and intelligently waiving the rights he wasn't even able to read came in the form of his answer as to whether he understood the rights he was just unable to read to the detective. This court should recall that Detective Jensen testified that the reason he asks a suspect to read the advisement card to begin with is to "see where the suspect is" in terms of his vocabulary or intellect. The defense can't imagine that if that is Detective Jensen stated goal, then even more alarms should have gone off that he was dealing with a very simple, unsophisticated individual.

The defense is confident that this court recognizes that all the legal and technical jibberish in the world cannot conceal the plain fact that a person who does not understand his rights, and is

intentionally left ignorant by those charged with explaining his rights even in the most basic way, may as well have no rights at all. Justin Porter did not knowingly, intentionally, voluntarily waive his rights.

II. Justin Porter's statements to Chicago and Las Vegas detectives were not voluntary

since they were the product of coercion, and/or promises which induced him to

make the confessions on admissions.

What we learned in Justin Porter's <u>Jackson v. Denno</u> hearing is:

- Detective Kristen Kato, the man who arrested Justin Porter in Chicago, and
  questioned him about crimes alleged committed in Nevada, is void of all credibility
  and should not be believed by this court.
- Detective Kristen Kato has been accused scores of times during his career, of brutalizing suspects into confessing to crimes, and is known in Chicago as a ruthless and brutal interrogator.
- Over the years, whole series of stories documenting accusations against Kato
   brutalizing confessions out of suspects have been printed in the Chicago Tribune.
- 4. That Detective Kato testified under oath to your honor that he did not recall many of these feature articles written about him including "Coercion and Illegal tactics torpedo scores of Cook County Murder Cases."
- 5. That Deputy District Attorney (now Judge) Douglas Hendon stated on the record during the hearing that "the point seems to be the man (Kristen Kato) has been accused of improper interviews and stuff which he admits."
- 6. That in the case of <u>People of the State of Illinois v Ezekiel McDaniel</u>, appellate court of Illinois 1<sup>st</sup> district, third division, 326, Ill App 3d, 771. The court stated

that as to Detective Kato's testimony in that case, it was not truthful as to one issue, and that the rest of his testimony was "suspect as to believability."

- 7. That Detective Kato had no valid reason to interrogate Justin Porter on two occasions and testified that he did so only because, "I like to know what he's thinking when he's doing these things". (Transcript, February 9, 2005 p.50).
- 8. That Detective Kato earlier testified that Metro wanted Justin to be interviewed

  (Transcript February 9, 2005 p. 39) even though our own detectives had testified in
  the past that:
  - 1) Justin was not interviewed by Chicago detectives;
  - 2) That they requested that Chicago detectives interview him;
  - 3) They had no idea Chicago detectives interviewed him;
  - 4) Chicago detectives asked if they could interview Justin after his arrest;
  - 5) Chicago detectives were given permission to interview Justin.

This court in the exercise of its common sense can see that Metro detectives would never allow Chicago detectives to interview their suspect, and were surprised to learn that Kato did just that. Their testimony concerning the issue evolved over time because Kato was able to threaten and coerce Justin into making incriminating statements, and those statements are more useful to the States case than any admission that Kato was acting on his own, without authorization of Metro.

Detective Kato is a disgrace, and his actions are repugnant to the rule of law, and administration of justice. He has been shown time and time again to be a brutal, coercing, misrepresenting, dishonest scourge on the justice system. This court should exercise extreme caution in lending his actions any credibility whatsoever. Justin Porter has alleged to his lawyers,

before we knew anything about Detective Kato that he elicited an involuntary confession from Justin Porter by:

- 1. Stating that what he (Justin) did in Nevada was petty, and if he admitted to the facts they provided him, he would be treated leniently in Nevada. Justin specifically recalls the word "probation" being used by the Detective.
- Suggesting that if he did not admit to the facts, that he would be taken to the "docks" and physically harmed.
- Suggesting that a phone book could be used to harm him, and no marks would be apparent.
- Refusing to honor his request to speak with his father while he was being questioned.
- Refusing to allow George Porter, Justin's father, to speak with his son when he,
   George, requested to do so.

The great right of the evidence, apart from the fact that Justin Porter did not understand the nature of the Miranda warnings, so did not intelligently, knowingly waive them in that Justin did not voluntarily provide a statement either. If the court relies on its common sense, it knows that an avalanche of accusations over an extended period of time, against the same detective cannot be ignored.

A detective who brutalizes suspects into admitting to crimes which occurred while it is later shown they were in jail is clearly violating the law. A detective who elicits confessions in cases which do not comport with the evidence in the case, resulting in acquittals or reversals is a sham. A detective who tells your honor he is unaware of the articles written about him in the Chicago Tribune is a liar. And a detective who has his sworn testimony labeled "unbelievable"

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and "not truthful" in a published opinion in an appellate court in Illinois, and then tells your honor he doesn't recall the case, is a perjurer. That detective is Kristen Kato.

Your honor should not allow the state to profit from the misdeeds and crimes of Detective Kato. He threatened Justin Porter with physical harm of all sorts to force his confessions. He misrepresented the seriousness of the allegations against Justin to play on his obvious ignorance and lack of sophistication. He then came to Las Vegas to infect our justice system with the same lies he has used in Chicago for years.

The defense must respectfully asks your honor to find that Justin's statement was not voluntarily given by the totality of circumstances.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The defense respectfully requests that this court conclude that State has not shown your Honor by a preponderance of the evidence that:

- 1. Justin Porter knowingly and intelligently waived his rights pursuant to Miranda.
- 2. Justin Porter voluntarily waived his rights free of coercion and without dishonest promises of leniency.

Therefore, Justin Porter confessions and admissions must be supposed.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2006.

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13	#01682627	}	
14	Defendant.	)	
15	NOTICE OF WITNESSES AND/OR EXPERT WITNESSES [NRS 174.234 (1)(b)]		
16	TO: JUG CAPRI PORTER, Defend	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
17	TO: CURTIS BROWN, Deputy Put	olic Defender, Counsel of Record:	
18	YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WILL	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the STATE OF	
19		esses and expert witnesses in its case in chief:	
20	-	ose witnesses endorsed on the Information and	
21	any other witness for which a separate Notice has been filed.		
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RECEIVED 25	*WELCH, DAVID	LVMPD P#1418 – Will testify as an expert	
<b>₩</b> 24	in the field of Serology/DNA and will report	•	
25	THOWSEN, THOMAS	LVMPD P#1467	
26	THOMPSON, MICHAEL	LVMPD P#198	
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1	DANGELO, VINCENT L	VMPD P#5787
2	*ANDERSEN, LAURA L	VMPD P#2780 - Will testify as an expert
3	in the field of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assa	ault and will report her findings relating to
4	this case.	
5	*BRISCOE, GINO L	VMPD P#3202 – Will testify as an expert
6	in the field of Narcotics and will report his finding	gs relating to this case.
7	JENSEN, BARRY L	VMPD P#3662 – Will testify as an expert
8	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and will repo	ort his findings relating to this case.
9	*REED, GARY L	VMPD P#3731
10	LOVE, DEBBIE L'	VMPD P#3748
11	*THOMAS, MARIA L'	VMPD P#4032 – Will testify as an expert
12	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and will report	ort his findings relating to this case.
13	KYGER, TERESA L	VMPD P#4191
14	*LEMASTER, DAVID L	VMPD P#4232 – Will testify as an expert
15	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and will report	ort his findings relating to this case.
16	REYES, RAYMOND L'	VMPD P#4346
17	LAROCHELLE, JAMES L	VMPD P#4353
18	CASTENEDA, MICHAEL L'	VMPD P#4394
19	*BROTHERSON, DEBORAH L'	VMPD P#4931 - Will testify as an expert
20	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and will report	rt her findings relating to this case.
21	*BOYD, FRED L'	VMPD P#5216 – Will testify as an expert
22	in the field of Latent Prints and will report his find	lings relating to this case.
23	*PULLIAM, FRANCIS L'	VMPD P#5412 – Will testify as an expert
24	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and will report	rt his findings relating to this case.
25	WILLIAMS, ROBERT LY	VMPD P#5646
26	*ODONNELL, JAMES LY	VMPD P#5709 – Will testify as an expert
27	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and will report	rt his findings relating to this case.
28	KUZMAK, J.	VMPD P#5967

1	MISURACA, MARK	LVMPD P#5825
2	MITCHELL, JAMES	LVMPD P#1829
3	RONSENBERG, TODD	LVMPD P#3816
4	STELK, JAMES	LVMPD P#2550
5	*GELLER, JOEL	LVMPD P#5892 - Will testify as an expert
6	in the field of Latent Prints and will report	rt his findings relating to this case.
7	*GUENTHER, KATHY	LVMPD P#6109 - Will testify as an expert
8	in the field of DNA Analysis and will rep	ort her findings relating to this case.
9	*SMINK, JEFFREY	LVMPD P#6556 - Will testify as an expert
10	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings as relating to this case.
11	*GOOD, RICHARD	LVMPD P#806 – Will testify as an expert I
12	the field of Firearms and Toolmarks and	will report his findings as related to this case.
13	*ATKIN, MICHAEL	LVMPD P#5409 - Will testify as an expert
14	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings as relating to this case.
15	*CARR, JENNY	LVMPD P#4792 - Will testify as an expert
16	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report her findings as relating to this case.
17	*FORD, DANIEL	LVMPD P#4244 – Will testify as an expert
18	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings as relating to this case.
19	*MAIN, TERESA	LVMPD P#5062 - Will testify as an expert
20	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings as relating to this case.
21	*MARTIN, TERRY	LVMPD P#5946- Will testify as an expert
22	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings as relating to this case.
23	*SAMS, JESSIE	LVMPD P#4793 - Will testify as an expert
24	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings as relating to this case.
25	*SCHELLBERG, PETER	LVMPD P#5413 - Will testify as an expert
26	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings and relating to this case.
27	*REED, GARY	LVMPD P#3731 – Will testify as an expert
28	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and	will report his findings and relating to this case.
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1	*WORKMAN, RICKEY J.	LVMPD P#4597 - Will testify as an expert
2	in the field of Crime Scene Analysis and will report his findings and relating to this case.	
3	*FLORES, FNU	LVFR #876 – Will testify as to observations
4	and treatment of the victim in this case. (CV will be provided when obtained).	
5	*DIAZ, FNU	LVFR #804 - Will testify as to observations
6	and treatment of the victim in this case. (CV w	vill be provided when obtained).
7	TYLER, TERESA	1224 Hart Ave, LV, NV
8	CASE, LEONA	2117 Mourning Dove Dr, Venus, TX
9	LEYVA, RAMMONA	5252 Maryland Pkwy, #29, LV, NV
10	LIVINGSTON, MARLENE	1705 Horizon Sunset Blvd, LV, NV
11	HALL, JONI	2416 Clifford Ave #119, LV, NV
12	PARTIN, DOROTHY	50 N 21 <sup>st</sup> St, #78, LV, NV
13	TYLER, SAMANTHA	Unknown
14	RUMBAUGH, CLARENCE	436 N 12 <sup>th</sup> St. #B, LV, NV
15	RUMBAUGH, FRANCES	436 N 12 <sup>th</sup> St #B, LV, NV
16	BARNETT, JEAN	518 E Mesquite Ave, LV, NV
17	BERNSTEIN, FLOSSIE	4720 E Charleston Blvd #26, LV, NV
18	FOWLER, LEROY	2201 Ramsgate #8/824, Henderson, NV
19	ZAZUETA, LAURA	2850 E Cedar Ave #229, LV, NV
20	LOPEZ, GUADALUPE	2850 E Cedar Ave #229, LV, NV
21	ZAZUETA, BEATRIZ	2850 E Cedar Ave #229, LV, NV
22	RIVERA-ROGERS, MARITERESA	200 S Third St, LV, NV
23	SCHWINOF, MARIA	601 S Maryland Pkwy #B-16, LV, NV
24	*GREEN, DR. SHELDON and/or DES	IGNEE 1704 Pinto Lane, LV, NV – Will
25	testify as an expert Medical Examiner and will	report his findings relating to this case.
26	*HEVEL, ROBERT	LVFD, 500 Casino Ctr, LV, NV - Will
27	testify in the field of Arson/Fire Investigation	and will report his findings as relating to this
28	case.	

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2	*BITTKER, THOMAS, MD, LTD.	80 Continental Drive, #200, Reno, NV-Will
3	testify in response to defense challenge of Defendant's mental state as related to this case.	
4	*KIRBY, SUSAN, R.N. of DESIGNEE	E UMC Hospital - Will testify as an expert
5	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner regarding the	treatment of the victim in this case.
6	*ADAMS, MARIAN R.N.	UMC Hospital - Will testify as an expert
7	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner regarding the	treatment of the victim in this case.
8	SMITH-PORTER, ANGELA	208 N 13 <sup>th</sup> St #3, LV, NV
9	DELONEY, KRISTOPHER	1920 Lirio Way, LV, NV
10	PORTER, GEORGE	1251 Kildare Ave #2, Chicago, IL
11	WILSON, ANTWOYNE	2601 Tuskegee, LV, NV
12	FRAZIER, DOROTHY	1920 Lirio Way, LV, NV
13	PREVOST, SERGO	208 N 13 <sup>th</sup> St, #3, LV, NV
14	CLEVELAND, JAY	60 N. Pecos Rd, #13/2056, LV, NV
15	DAO, HAE	6201 Don Zarembo Ave, LV, NV
16	REGALADO-GONZALEZ, REBECA	415 S 10 <sup>th</sup> St #D, LV, NV
17	REGALADO-ORDONEZ, DINA	415 S 10 <sup>th</sup> St #D, LV, NV
18	WINTERS, NAN	415 S 10 <sup>th</sup> St, #G, LV, NV
19	AWALOM, ALEMAYEHU	415 S 10 <sup>th</sup> St, #D, LV, NV
20	STERLING, DERRICK	406 S 11 <sup>th</sup> St, #8, LV, NV
21	DILLON, REGINA	417 S 10 <sup>th</sup> St #A, LV, NV
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25	KATO, KRISTON	Chicago Police Department
26	CIRONE, SAM	Chicago Police Department
27	CUNNINGHAM, DET.	Chicago Police Department
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1	The substance of each expert witness testimony and copy of all reports made by or at	
2	the direction of the expert witness has been provided in discovery.	
3	A copy of each expert witness curriculum vitae, if available, is attached hereto.	
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5	DAVID ROGER	
6	DISTRICT ATTORNEY Nevada Bar #002781	
7	BY ALX	
8	LISA LUZAICH	
9	Chief Deputy District Attorney Nevada Bar #005056	
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11	*Indicates an expert witness.	
12	RECEIPT OF COPY	
13	RECEIPT OF COPY of the above and foregoing Notice of Witness and Expert	
14	Witnesses is hereby acknowledged this day of August, 2007.	
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DEPT. NO. VIII

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

THE STATE OF NEVADA. Plaintiff. JUSTIN JUG CAPRI PORTER.

Defendant.

ORDER

Upon the above-named Defendant, by and through JOSEPH K. ABOOD, Clark County Public Defender, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab provide any and all DNA data including all related reports that describe procedures used in analyzing said data for review by Dr. Norah Rudin, Ph.D., Forensic DNA Consultant, 650 Castro St., Suite 120-404, Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 210-9344 pursuant to her standard DNA Discovery Request, already provided to the State, in case numbers 000201-2429, 000307-0141, 000325-2971, 000404-0324, 000607-0313, 000613-0245 and 000712-0766.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED that the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab provide any and all latent fingerprint (either a comparable copy of digital latents on a disc or photocopies, not Xerox copies) of the original latent lifts, and photocopies (not Xerox copies) of the defendant's ten print exemplar card, and palm print exemplar card if available. Also, all copies of LVMPD's forensic reports including crime scene reports and the comparison report by the latent fingerprint examiner, and any reports or forms relative to the AFIS submission and verification if applicable, to Ms. Joi Dickerson, c/o Law Office of Mark Dickerson, 23929 Valencia Blvd., Suite

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101, Valencia, CA 91355, (661) 259-2296 in case numbers 000201-2429, 000307-0141, 000325-2971, 000404-0324, 000607-0313, 000613-0245 and 000712-0766. DATED day of May, 2008. Submitted by: PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER OSEPH K. ABOOD, #4501 Deputy Public Defender 

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff,

V.

DEPT. NO. VIII

JUSTIN JUG CAPRI PORTER,

Defendant.

Defendant.

# JUSTIN PORTER'S MOTION TO REMAND THE CASE TO JUVENILE COURT AND CONDUCT A HEARING AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD

#### **BE CERTIFIED AS AN ADULT**

COMES NOW, the Defendant, JUSTIN JUG CAPRI PORTER, by and through CURTIS S. BROWN and JOSEPH K. ABOOD, Deputy Public Defenders and files this Motion to Remand the Case to Juvenile Court and Conduct a Hearing as to Whether he Should be Certified as an Adult.

This Motion is made and based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities, and oral argument at the time set for hearing this Motion.

DATED this 4 day of May, 2008.

PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER PHILIP J. KOHN
CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

CURTIS S. BROWN, #4546 Deputy Public Defender

JOSEPH K. 2000, #4501 Deputy Public Defender

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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### **FACTS**

Defendant JUSTIN PORTER, a minor at the time of all the crimes, he is charged with (date of birth: December 13, 1982) is charged by way of a Second Amended Information, filed October 11, 2001, with a number of crimes involving a number of different victims.

On February 1, 2000, Teresa Tyler became the victim of a series of crimes which make up the basis of Counts I through VII of the Second Amended Information. A crime report was taken for this incident under Event Number 000201-2429. Investigation revealed that a black male known to Ms. Tyler as Chris "came to the apartment produced a small knife directed her into the bedroom and ordered her to remove her clothes." This suspect then allegedly forced Ms. Tyler to engage in various sexual acts with him and stole some of her money.

The Second Amended Information charges Mr. Porter with the following crimes based on the above allegations:

- I. Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.
- II. First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
- III. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
- IV. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
- V. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
- VI. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
- VII. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

On March 7, 2000, Leona Case reported that she had been the victim of a series of crimes. A crime report was taken under Event Number 00307-0141. Investigation revealed that a black male knocked on her door and asked her to use the telephone. She refused. A few minutes later the suspect allegedly kicked in her front door, entered the apartment and began striking her in the

face demanding cash and valuables. He took forty-four dollars (\$44.00) and a ring belonging to Ms. Case. He then allegedly forced her to undress by threatening her with a pair of scissors. Sexually assaulted her and then attempted to strangle her with an electrical cord. Ms. Case was then stabbed with a kitchen knife. She was then barricaded inside of her bathroom and her apartment was set on fire.

The Second Amended Information charges Mr. Porter with the following crimes based on the above allegations:

- VIII. Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.
- IX. First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon With Substantial Bodily Harm.
- X. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon With Substantial Bodily Harm.
- XI. Attempt Murder With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
- XII. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly With Substantial Bodily Harm.
- XIII. Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
- XIV. First Degree Arson.

On March 25, 2000, Ms. Ramona Leyva reported a series of crimes under Event Number 000325-2971. Investigation revealed that a black male kicked in her door while she was in the bathroom. He grabbed Ms. Leyva by the back of her hair and dragged her into the main living area. He then retrieved a kitchen knife from her kitchen and threatened to kill her. Placed her on her bed and sexually assaulted her. He then took her vehicle keys and departed in her vehicle.

The Second Amended Information charges Mr. Porter with the following crimes based on the above allegations:

- XV. Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.
- XVI. First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

XVII. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

XVIII. Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

On April 4, 2000, Ms. Marlene Livingston reported a series of crimes under Event Number 000404-0324. Investigation revealed that a black male kicked in her apartment door and entered with a knife in his hand. He took money and other valuables from Ms. Livingston and forced her to perform fellatio on him. He then fled in Ms. Livingston's vehicle.

Counts XIX through XXI charge crimes against Marlene Livingston:

- XIX. Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.
- XX. Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon Victim 65 year of age or older.
- XXI. Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon Victim 65 years of age or older.

On April 12, 2000, Francis and Clarence Rumbaugh reported crimes under Event Number 000412-2745. Investigation revealed that a black male entered the Rumbaugh's apartment through an unlocked screen door pushing Mr. Rumbaugh to the ground. He then cut the telephone cord in the kitchen area with a knife he retrieved from the Rumbaugh's kitchen. The suspect then allegedly searched through the apartment and took eighty dollars (\$80.00) from Mr. Rumbaugh.

Counts XXII through XIV charge crimes against Clarence and/or Francis Rumbaugh:

XXII. Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.

XXIII. Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon Victim 65 years of age or older.

XXIV. Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon Victim 65 years of age or older.

On June 6, 2000, Mr. Leroy Fowler became the victim of a home invasion. A crime report for this incident was taken under Event Number 000606-0165. Investigation revealed that a black male kicked in Mr. Fowler's apartment door holding a knife. Mr. Fowler began screaming at the suspect causing him to run out of the apartment.

Count XXV charges a crime against Leroy Fowler:

XXV. Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.

On June 7, 2000, Ms. Joannie Hall reported a series of crimes under Event Number 000607-0313. Investigation revealed that a black male kicked in her apartment door and confronted Ms. Hall in her bedroom. He was holding a knife in his right hand and directed her around the apartment. He then performed various sex acts with her and stole a number of items from her apartment.

These crimes make up the basis of Counts XXVI through XXIX of the Second Amended Information.

XXVI.

Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.

XXVII.

First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

XXVIII.

Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

XXIX.

Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

On June 9, 2000, Guadalupe Lopez, Laura Zazueta and Beatriz Zazueta were the victims of a series of crimes charged in Counts XXXIII through XXXVIII of the Second Amended Information. These crimes were reported under Event Number 000609-0140. They allege that a black male entered their residence through an unlocked front door in the middle of the night and demanded money from Laura Zazueta. She directed the suspect to her sister's room, Beatriz and her boyfriend Guadalupe Lopez. Guadalupe Lopez grabbed at the suspect's gun and a struggle ensued. The suspect fired three shots and Lopez was slightly injured. The suspect then broke free and jumped out the front window.

Counts XXXIII through XXXVIII charge crimes against Laura Zazueta, Guadalupe Lopez and/or Beatriz Zazueta:

XXXIII.

Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.

XXXIV.

Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

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XXXV.	Attempt Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
XXXVI.	Attempt Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
XXXVII.	Attempt Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.
XXXVIII.	Battery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

On June 10, 2000, Metro responded to a homicide at 415 South Tenth Street. The victim, Gyaltso Lungtok was found dead in his apartment having been shot numerous times. The front door of the apartment had been kicked in and a footwear impression revealed that the shoe brand name was Saucony. Forensic Laboratory Manager Richard Goode determined that the firearm used on June 9, 2000, against Guadalupe Lopez was the same as that used against Gyaltso Lungtok.

Counts XXX through XXXII charge crimes against Gyaltso Lungtok:

XXX.	Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon.
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XXXI. Attempt Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon.

XXXII. Murder With Use of a Deadly Weapon. (Open Murder).

Defendant JUSTIN PORTER was charged as an adult for all these crimes he is alleged to have committed, without a full hearing, despite the fact that some of these offenses don't qualify as the type which would allow his certification as an adult.

#### **ARGUMENT**

Nevada has established a juvenile court system which is tasked with dealing with children who commit crimes. NRS Title 5, Chapter 62. In Nevada, a person who is less than eighteen years of age is a child. NRS 62.020(a).

NRS 62.040(2)(a) provides that the Juvenile Court has exclusive jurisdiction over children, but specifically excludes from Juvenile Court a person who is charged with committing "murder or

attempted murder and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the murder or attempted murder, regardless of the nature of the related offenses." NRS 62.040(2)(a).

NRS 62.040 Exclusive Original jurisdiction or court; procedure regarding minor traffic offenses:

- 1. Except if the child involved is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of an Indian tribe, and except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the court has exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings:
  - (a) Concerning any child living or found within the county who is in need of supervision because he:
    - (1) Is a child who is subject to compulsory school attendance and is a habitual truant from school;
    - (2) Habitually disobeys the reasonable and lawful demands of his parents, guardian or other custodian, and is unmanageable; or
    - (3) Deserts, abandons or runs away from his home or usual place of abode, and is in need of care or rehabilitation. The child must not be considered a delinquent.
  - (b) Concerning any child living or found within the county who has committed a delinquent act. A child commits a delinquent act if he violates a county or municipal ordinance or any rule or regulation having the force of law, or he commits an act designated a crime under the law of the State of Nevada.
  - (c) Concerning any child in need of commitment to an institution for the mentally retarded.
- 2. For the purposes of subsection 1, each of the following acts shall be deemed not to be a delinquent act, and the court does not have jurisdiction of a person who is charged with committing such an act:
  - (a) Murder or attempted murder and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the murder or attempted murder, regardless of the nature of the related offense.
  - (b) Sexual assault or attempted sexual assault involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim and any other

related offense arising out of the same facts as the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:

- (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the sexual assault or attempted assault was committed; and
- (2) Before the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault was committed, the person previously had been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.
- (c) An offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:
  - (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm was committed; and
  - (2) Before the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm was committed, the person previously had been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.
- (d) A felony resulting in death or substantial bodily harm to the victim and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the felony, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:
  - (1) The felony was committed on the property of a public or private school when pupils or employees of the school were present or may have been present, at an activity sponsored by a public or private school or on a school bus while the bus was engaged in its official duties; and
  - (2) The person intended to create a great risk of death or substantial bodily harm to more than one person by means of a weapon, device or course of action that would normally be hazardous to the lives of more than one person.
- (e) Any other offenses if, before the offense was committed, the person previously had been convicted of a criminal offense ...

Although JUSTIN PORTER was a minor at the time of his alleged crime, he was arrested, housed, and charged as an adult in District Court. No consideration was even given to Juvenile Court proceedings for none of the crimes he is charged with.

In <u>Kent v. U.S.</u>, 383 U.S. 541 (1966), the Court stated that it was improper to transfer that minor's case from juvenile court to adult court without a hearing. The Court deemed the waiver from juvenile court to be a "critically important" action involving "vitally important statutory rights" of a juvenile which required a hearing as a condition to a valid waiver. "We do not consider whether, on the merits, Kent should have been transferred; but there is no place in our system of law for reaching a result of such tremendous consequence in that ceremony – without hearing, without effective assistance of counsel, without a statement of reasons." <u>Id.</u> at 554.

This sentiment was repeated in the similar case regarding the rights of juveniles charged with crimes. <u>In re: Gault</u>, 387 U.S. 1, 30 (1967), the Court added in that case "we said that the admonition to function in a 'parental' relationship is not an invitation to procedural arbitrariness." <u>Id</u>. at 30.

NRS 620.080 Procedure when child 14 years or older is charged with felony; certification for criminal proceedings required under certain circumstances:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 62.081, if:
  - (a) A child is charged with an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult; and
  - (b) The child was 14 years of age or older at the time he allegedly committed the offense,

the juvenile court, upon a motion by the district attorney and after a full investigation, may retain jurisdiction or certify the child for proper criminal proceedings to any court that would have jurisdiction to try to offense if committed by an adult.

2. If a child:

(1)

(2) An offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm; and

(b) Was 14 years of age or older at the time he allegedly committed the offense,

the juvenile court, upon a motion by the district attorney and after a full investigation, shall certify the child for proper criminal proceedings to any court that would have jurisdiction to try the offense if committed by an adult, unless the court specifically finds by clear and convincing evidence that the child's actions were substantially the result of his substance abuse or emotional or behavioral problems and such substance abuse or problems may be appropriately treated through the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

A sexual assault involving the use or threatened use

of force or violence against the victim; or

- 3. If a child is certified for criminal proceedings as an adult pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the court shall also certify the child for criminal proceedings as an adult for any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the offense for which the child was certified, regardless of the nature of the related offense.
- 4. If a child has been certified for criminal proceedings as an adult pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 and his case has been transferred out of the juvenile court, original jurisdiction of his person for that case rests with the court to which the case has been transferred, and the child may petition for transfer of this case back to the juvenile court only upon a showing of juvenile court only upon a showing of exceptional circumstances. If the child's case is transferred back to the juvenile court, the judge of that court shall determine whether the exceptional circumstances warrant accepting jurisdiction.

The statute calls for a "full investigation" prior to certifying the child to adult District Court. This statute applies to many of the counts JUSTIN PORTER is facing in adult District Court. "Full Investigation" requirements were explained as follows. In <u>Kline v. State</u>, 86 Nev. 59; 464 P.2d 461 (1970) and <u>Lewis v. State</u>, 86 Nev. 889; 478 P.2d 168 (1970), the Supreme Court of Nevada adopted the criteria established by <u>Kent v. United States</u>, 383 U.S. 541 (1966), for determining a valid waiver of jurisdiction from Juvenile Court. The judge must carefully consider

the character and disposition of the juvenile, together with the nature of his past and present offenses, his amenability to juvenile treatment, and each of the remaining elements enunciated in Kent v. United States, 383 U.S. at 565 – 568, and Lewis v. State, 86 Nev. at 893; 478 P.2d at 170 – 171. Accord, Martin v. State, 94 Nev. 687; 585 P.2d 1346 (1978). The Juvenile Court has considerable latitude in determining whether it should retain or waive jurisdiction. Kent v. United States, 383 U.S. at 552-553.

Children charged with murder are specifically excepted from the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts. Shaw v. State, 104 Nev. 100; 753 P.2d 888 (1988). Alfred v. State, 111 Nev. 1409; 906 P.2d 714 (1995). However, certain showings must be made as to all other crimes including sexual assault. It is for those crimes that a full investigation should have been accomplished prior to certification of a minor by Juvenile Court is error. Powell v. Sheriff, Clark County, 85 Nev. 684; 462 P.2d 756 (1969).

Transfer proceedings are to be initiated by written motion or petition which states explicitly the charged felony offense or offenses upon which the requested transfer is based and which further states the past record of criminal conduct. The motion or petition may also include material relating to the personal background and attributes of the subject youth which are considered material to the court's decision. Thomas R. v. Juvenile Division, Eighth Judicial District Court ex rel. County of Clark, 99 Nev. 427; 664 P.2d 947 (1983).

In addition, to the fact that transfer proceedings are to be initiated by written motion and followed by a full investigation, any juvenile court transfer order must include a statement of the reasons or considerations therefore. This statement must be sufficient enough to permit meaningful review. Kline v. State, 86 Nev. 59; 464 P.2d 460 (1970).

Because JUSTIN PORTER was not afforded the benefit of a full hearing prior to being certified as an adult, and, because some of the crimes he is charged with properly belong in

Juvenile Court, the defense respectfully requests that this entire matter be remanded to Juvenile Court, and Mr. Porter's Constitutional rights be protected. DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2008. PHILIP J. KOHN PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER By CURTIS S. GROWN, #4546 LOSEPH K. ABOOD, #4501 Deputy Public Defender Deputy Public Defender 

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Attorney for Plaintiff:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Public Defender's Office will bring the above and foregoing Motion on for hearing before the Court on the 16th day of Ine, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.,

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2008.

PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

CURTIS S. BROWN, #4546 Deputy Public Defender

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Deputy Public Defender

#### RECEIPT OF COPY

RECEIPT OF COPY of the above and foregoing Justin Porter's Motion to Remand the Case to Juvenile Court and Conduct a Hearing as to Whether He Should Be Certified As An Adult is hereby acknowledged this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2008.

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**OPPS** DAVID ROGER Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar #002781 LISA LUZAICH Chief Deputy District Attorney Nevada Bar #005056 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-2212 (702) 671-2500 Attorney for Plaintiff DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA THE STATE OF NEVADA, Plaintiff, CASE NO: C174954 DEPT NO: -VS-VIII JUSTIN D. PORTER aka Jug Capri Porter #1682627 Defendant.

# STATE'S OPPOSITION TO JUSTIN PORTER'S MOTION TO REMAND CASE TO JUVENILE COURT AND CONDUCT A HEARING AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD BE CERTIFIED AS AN ADULT

DATE OF HEARING: 06/16/08 TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 A.M.

COMES NOW, the State of Nevada, by DAVID ROGER, District Attorney, through LISA LUZAICH, Chief Deputy District Attorney, and hereby submits the attached Points and Authorities in Opposition to Justin Porter's Motion to Remand Case to Juvenile Court and Conduct a Hearing as to Whether He Should Be Certified as an Adult.

This opposition is made and based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein, the attached points and authorities in support hereof, and oral argument at the time of hearing, if deemed necessary by this Honorable Court.

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#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### STATEMENT OF GENERAL CASE FACTS

All of the following Statement's of Facts refer to the Defendant as the perpetrator of the crimes being described. The Defendant was linked to every one of the following situations by either DNA evidence, fingerprint evidence, shoewear impression evidence, admission or confession evidence, eyewitness identification and/or by a combination of a number of the above types of evidence.

## A. <u>STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST TERESA TAYLOR</u>

Defendant is charged by way of Second Amended Information with Count I- Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon; Count II - First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Counts III through VIII - Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon, for crimes that were committed against victim Teresa Taylor.

On February 1, 2000, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Teresa Taylor heard a knock on the front door of her residence, located at 2895 E. Charleston, #2-106, Las Vegas, Nevada. Teresa had spoken to her mother earlier and was expecting her mother to come to the residence and pick something up from her.

Ms. Taylor opened the door and encountered the Defendant, whom she thought was looking for her sister. Ms. Taylor told the Defendant that her sister was not there, and he asked her for a drink of water. Ms. Taylor went and got the Defendant water and took it to the Defendant, who was still standing outside the residence. The Defendant asked Ms. Taylor if they could go in the house and she told him no. Not caring about Ms. Taylor's protest, the Defendant entered her residence and sat down on her couch. Ms. Taylor grabbed the Defendant's arm and attempted to pull him out of the apartment, at which time the Defendant pulled a knife on her.

After brandishing the weapon, the Defendant ordered Ms. Taylor into her bedroom and demanded that she disrobe. Fearful for her life, Ms. Taylor took her clothes off. Thereafter, the Defendant instructed Ms. Taylor to lay down on the bed. Defendant pulled

down his pants and got on top of Ms. Taylor, placing his penis in her vagina, while still holding the knife in his hand.

The Defendant got off of Ms. Taylor and started looking around her apartment for anything valuable. The Defendant took approximately \$30 or \$40 from Ms. Taylor's purse. The Defendant then went back to Ms. Taylor and put his penis in her mouth. Afterwards, the Defendant peed on Ms. Taylor's floor and began looking around her apartment for valuables again. The Defendant forced Ms. Taylor follow him around the apartment while he did that. The Defendant took some change from a vase in Ms. Taylor's living room but left the pennies behind.

The Defendant forced Ms. Taylor into the restroom of the apartment and told her to wipe her vaginal area. The Defendant took the towel from Ms. Taylor and began wiping her vagina area himself. Thereafter, the Defendant took Ms. Taylor back into the bedroom and forced her to lay down on the bed, on her stomach. The Defendant then placed his penis in Ms. Taylor's vagina, from behind, against her will. Afterwards, the Defendant forced Ms. Taylor to put his penis in her mouth a second time. After the Defendant sexually assaulted Ms. Taylor he stated, "You know you were raped, right?"

The Defendant permitted Ms. Taylor to put pants on and then tied her hands, behind her back, with a telephone cord. The Defendant also tied Ms. Taylor's feet together and then tied then to her hands. The Defendant dragged Ms. Taylor to the closet and put her inside. The Defendant then put water down Ms. Taylor's pants, in an attempt to remove his DNA from her vaginal area. Afterwards, the Defendant placed a knife from Ms. Taylor's kitchen in the closet with her, for the purpose of freeing herself after he left the residence. Ms. Taylor was eventually able to cut herself free and notify the police.

#### B. <u>STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED</u> <u>AGAINST LEONA CASE</u>

Defendant is charged by way of Second Amended Information with Count VII-Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon; Count IX - First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Counts X, and XII - Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly

Weapon; Count XI – Attempt Murder With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Count XIII - Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon; and Count XIV - First Degree Arson, for crimes that were committed against victim Leona Case (DOB: 8/18/57).

On March 7, 2000, Leona resided in a studio apartment located at 2900 E. Charleston, #50. Leona lived alone at that time, and her apartment was located on the bottom floor. At approximately half past midnight on March 7, 2000, Leona was in her living room, watching a movie, when someone knocked on her door. Leona put the safety chain on her door and then opened it to see who was there, and she recognized the individual as somebody who had knocked on her door about three to four days prior, looking for the person who previously lived in the apartment. The first time the person at Leona's door had knocked on it, he asked if he could use her telephone, after telling her he was looking for the prior tenant. Leona took her telephone outside on that occasion, and allowed the Defendant to use it outside. The first time the person had knocked on Leona's door and asked to use her telephone, he had a friend with him. Defendant introduced himself to Leona by stating, "My name is Jug, and this is my buddy, Chris."

Leona recognized the person at the door on March 7, as being the individual who identified himself as "Jug." As he did the first time he knocked on Leona's door, Defendant again asked to use Leona's telephone but because it was so late at night, Leona told him, "No," and shut the door.

Leona was sitting in her chair in the living room, and heard something rattling at the window. Thereafter, Leona heard a couple of bangs on her door and then the Defendant kicked it open, off of the frame. After the Defendant entered Leona's apartment by kicking the door in, Leona picked up the telephone and attempted to call 911, however, the call did not go through because the Defendant slapped Leona on the face and knocked her to the ground, taking the phone away from her.

Defendant went into Leona's kitchen, opened the drawers, and got out a steak knife. Defendant first used the knife to threaten Leona, in order to find out where her money was and to move her into the bedroom. Defendant asked Leona where her money was at and she

told him she did not have any, however, Defendant saw Leona's purse sitting on her dresser and took \$44.00 and some food stamps from it. Defendant also told Leona to give him a little ten carat ring she was wearing that said "mom" on it. Leona gave the Defendant the ring because he had a knife.

Defendant wielded the knife and demanded Leona to go into the bedroom, where he had her hold a lamp that was beside the bed, while he cut the cord off of it. After cutting the cord off with the knife, Defendant put some kind of knot in it, slipped it over her neck, told her that he was going to tie her up, and started to strangle her with it. Leona grabbed the cord and put her fingers between her neck and the cord, while the Defendant climbed up on the back of the bed and wound it around both of his hands and began strangling her, pulling the cord tight with both hand. Leona began losing consciousness and Defendant stated several times, "Why don't you just die, Bitch." Leona fell forward and the Defendant let go of the cord causing Leona to pull it away from her neck and slip it off of her head, at which point the Defendant told her to disrobe.

Leona disrobed and shoved the cord under the corner of the bed because she did not want the Defendant to find it. Defendant told Leona that he was going to "fuck" her and asked her where her condoms were at. Leona told the Defendant that she did not have any condoms, so he grabbed a plastic bag that covered her coffee filters and used it as a makeshift condom, before putting his penis into Leona's vagina, against her will.

Defendant got off of Leona and took the plastic bag into the bathroom, where he flushed it down the toilet and then washed his private area. After putting her clothes back on, while the Defendant was in the bathroom, Leona found the steak knife laying on the dresser and shoved it between the mattress and box springs, like she had done with the cord. After Defendant was done in the bathroom, he went into the kitchen and got another knife. He returned to the bedroom with the knife and told Leona to get undressed and turn around, because he was going to "fuck her up the ass." Defendant used the cellophane off of Leona's cigarette package as a condom, and he, again, put his penis in her vagina, against her will.

After completing the second act of sexual assault on Leona, Defendant, again, went to the bathroom and washed himself. Leona put her underwear and t-shirt on and as she stood up, off the bed, Defendant lunged at her with the knife and began to stab her in the abdomen. The knife entered Leona's body so deeply that she felt the Defendant's fist hit her stomach. Defendant pulled the knife out and stabbed Leona again, pushing the knife full into her as before. After pulling the knife out of Leona's body the second time, Defendant attempted to cut the right side of Leona's neck with it.

Realizing the Defendant was trying to kill her, Leona attempted to kick the defendant. Defendant avoided Leona's kick, so Leona bent her head down and went for his waist, thinking maybe she could tackle him and get him down, however, Defendant's arm wound up around Leona's neck and he strangled her to unconsciousness. When Leona regained consciousness Defendant told her to go to the bathroom and wash herself. Defendant told Leona to use soap on her vaginal area. After Leona came out of the bathroom, Defendant had her sit on the bed and made her clean out her fingernails because she had scratched him when she tried to remove his hands from her throat.

The next thing Leona recalled is that the Defendant had the cord again. Defendant told her to put it around her neck again but Leona refused. As a result, Defendant began whipping Leona with it and beat her around the head with it, till she was bleeding severely.

Defendant told Leona to go back into the bathroom and she complied. Defendant shut the bathroom door so Leona locked it. The next thing Leona heard was a bang, and then the smoke alarm going off. Leona knew her apartment was on fire because she heard the smoke alarm and could smell smoke. There also came a point when she heard a door slam, which caused her to unlock the bathroom door and try to open it.

Leona could not open the bathroom door because the Defendant had slid a ninedrawer dresser up against it, blocking Leona in the bathroom. Leona began banging the

Leona had to remove the cellophane from her vagina when the Defendant made her go to the bathroom and wash her vaginal area. Also, the Defendant told her to flush it down the toilet, which she did.

bathroom door with her shoulder trying to move the dresser over but it would not budge.

Leona began to think that if the Defendant could kick her front door in, she should be able to kick her way out of the bathroom; so she started kicking the door right beneath the door handle, and the dresser tipped over. When Leona was able to squeeze out of the bathroom door, she saw that her apartment was totally on fire. Leona grabbed her sister's cellular telephone and ran outside of the apartment and hid behind a stairwell, afraid the Defendant might still be around. Leona tried to use the cellular telephone three times but it would not connect. Leona ran down between the two buildings where she saw people. She was trying to get somebody to call 911, but she could not talk very well. However, the fire department did arrive and Leona was taken to the hospital for treatment.

After his arrest, Defendant admitted his involvement in the crimes committed against Leona Case.

# C. <u>STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST RAMONA LEYVA</u>

Defendant is charged in the Second Amended Criminal Information with having committed the crimes of: Count XVI - First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Count XVII - Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon; and Count XVIII - Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon, against victim Ramona Leyva.

On March 25, 2000, Ramona Leyva resided with her husband in a studio apartment located at 600 Bonanza Rd., Apt. #144, Las Vegas, Nevada. At approximately 10:00 p.m. on the night of the 25th, Ramona had returned to the apartment after dropping her husband off at work. Ramona was in the apartment and had gone to the bathroom and heard a loud noise at the front door. Ramona looked up and saw the Defendant. Ramona quickly closed the bathroom door but the Defendant broke through it and pushed her against the bathroom wall, grabbing her hair and neck.

The Defendant indicated that Ramona should quiet down by telling her to "shush." The Defendant dragged Ramona by her hair and neck out to the kitchen where he grabbed a knife from her kitchen drawer. The Defendant put the knife against Ramona's neck and

demanded money from her. The Defendant moved Ramona around the apartment and continued to demand money from her. After convincing the Defendant that she had no money, the Defendant began to touch Ramona's breasts and buttocks with his hands, over her clothes. The Defendant also touched his penis with his hand, over his pants. The Defendant began removing his clothes and Ms. Leyva told him to get some protection, because she knew he was going to rape her and she did not want any disease from him.

Ramona's husband wore rubber gloves as a dishwasher at his job. There were a pair of rubber gloves on her husband's night stand and the Defendant put the thumb part of one of those gloves over his penis before penetrating Ms. Leyva's vagina with his penis.

Mrs. Leyva was very afraid during the rape and the Defendant told her to tell him that she liked what he was doing, so she did. The Defendant kept the knife in his hand while he sexually assaulted Ms. Leyva. After the sexual assault, the Defendant forced Ms. Leyva to take the glove off of his penis and flush it down the toilet.

The Defendant emptied Ms. Leyva's purse and found her car keys at which time he attempted to leave and take her car. Mrs. Leyva told the Defendant that she had to go work and asked him not to take her car. The Defendant left the apartment briefly to throw the knife into the parking lot. The Defendant then re-entered the apartment and picked up Ms. Leyva's telephone receiver to see if the line worked. After hanging the telephone back up the Defendant left the residence and stole Ms. Leyva's car.

After the Defendant fled in her car, Mrs. Leyva attempted to get some of her neighbors to help her but none of them would answer their doors. Mrs. Leyva walked to a fast food restaurant where she found a Spanish speaking couple to take her to her husband's job. After she arrived at her husband's job he took her to report the crimes.

#### D. <u>STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED</u> <u>AGAINST MARLENE LIVINGSTON</u>

Defendant is charged in the Second Amended Criminal Information with having committed the crimes of: Count XV - Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon; Count XVI - First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon, Victim 65 Years of

Age or Older; Count XVII- Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon, Victim 65 Years of Age or Older; and Count XVIII - Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon, Victim 65 Years of Age or Older, against victim Marlene Livingston.

On April 14, 2000, Marlene Livingston, (DOB 10/12/33), resided at an apartment complex located at 2301 Clifford, Las Vegas, Nevada. The complex has 11 apartments, and Marlene lived in Apt. #11, on the second floor.

On April 3, Marlene worked in the afternoon until 9:00 that night. After work, Marlene went home. At the time, Marlene drove a white, 1991 Dodge Dynasty. After Marlene arrived home from work that night, she checked the mail, had received her social security check, and went to Boulder Station to cash it. Marlene had \$515.00, after cashing her check. Marlene stayed at Boulder for approximately an hour or so, wherein she bought some Chinese food and played some nickels.

Marlene left Boulder Station and drove home, where she put some of the left over Chinese food on a plate and put it in the microwave, and then went to take her work clothes off. As Marlene sat on the edge of her bed, and was looking through her purse, wearing only her bra and pants, when she heard a boom and saw the Defendant break through her front door, wearing a mask that did not cover his whole face. Marlene also noticed the Defendant had a knife with a silver blade.

The Defendant demanded Marlene's money, which she took from her wallet and gave to him. Thereafter, the Defendant asked Marlene if she had any gold, and she gave him her pinky ring. The Defendant took the knife that he had and flicked through Marlene's purse with it and saw a \$10.00 bill. He accused Marlene of lying to him about having more money, which caused her to explain that she had cashed in \$10.00 worth of nickels at Boulder Station and then shoved it in her purse.

The Defendant told Marlene not to look at him, causing her to keep her head down and eyes closed. Marlene told the Defendant, "Take anything you want, I just want to see my grand kids tomorrow." Thereafter, Marlene heard the Defendant go around the bed and grab her telephone. The Defendant then demanded that Marlene stand up. When Marlene

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complied the Defendant told her to bend over. When Marlene moved her pants to the side a little and told the Defendant that she had a pad on, the intruder sat on the bed, pulled his penis out, and told her they would do it orally and not to bite him. The Defendant told Marlene that "he liked to fuck old ladies."

Marlene was forced to put her mouth on the Defendant's (exposed) penis and the Defendant held the back of her head and pushed it up and down. During the assault, Marlene kept her eyes closed. During the act the Defendant kept telling Marlene not to bite him.

After the sexual assault, the Defendant asked Marlene if she had a car, a gun, and a husband that was going to come in. Marlene told the Defendant that she had a white Dynasty and he demanded her keys, which she took out of her purse and gave to him. The Defendant told Marlene to go into her bathroom and wash her mouth out. The Defendant also stood behind her during this act, and forced water into her mouth. Thereafter, the Defendant told Marlene to stay in the bathroom, where she stayed for approximately 10 to 15 minutes, because she was scared to come out.

Once Marlene left the bathroom she looked outside and saw that her car was gone. Marlene was afraid the intruder might return so she put on her pajama's and then knocked on the landlord's door and told him what had happened. Marlene's landlord subsequently called the police. After his arrest, Defendant admitted committing the crimes against Marlene Livingston.

# E. <u>STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED</u> <u>AGAINST CLARENCE AND FRANCIS RUMBAUGH</u>

Defendant is charged in the Second Amended Criminal Information with having committed the crimes of: XXII - Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon; Count XXIII - Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon, Victim 65 Years of Age or Older; and Count - XXIV - Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon, Victim 65 Years of Age or Older against the victims, Clarence and Francis Rumbaugh.

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On April 12, 2000, Francis Rumbaugh (DOB 04/11/21) and her husband, Clarence Rumbaugh (DOB 09/19/16), lived at 436 North 12th Street #B, in Clark County, Las Vegas. The residence had one bedroom, a living room, and bathroom.

During the evening of April 12, at approximately 11:25 p.m., Francis and Clarence were at home eating cake and ice cream, in the living room. The front door was open, however the screen door was closed and latched at the time, when Francis heard a loud noise and somebody burst in.

After the Defendant had burst into the residence and Francis began to scream for help, the Defendant told her to shut up. The Defendant then shut two windows and the front door, and picked up the knife Francis had used to cut the cake with, and used it to cut the telephone cord. After the Defendant cut the telephone cord, with the knife still in his hand, he grabbed Francis by the left wrist area and threw her onto the couch. After throwing Francis onto the couch, Defendant approached Clarence Rumbaugh and wrestled with him, eventually throwing Mr. Rumbaugh to the floor and demanding the money from his wallet.

Mr. Rumbaugh got up off of the floor and took his wallet out of his back pocket, but before he could reach into it and take the money out, the Defendant reached in and took \$81.00 from the wallet. The Defendant pointed a knife at Mr. and Mrs. Rumbaugh and made them go into their bedroom where he rummaged through their belongings using the tip of the knife. The Rumbaugh's had El Cortez cups full of change on their desk and the Defendant picked up those cups to put the loose change consisting of nickels, dimes, and quarters, in his pockets. Afterwards, the Defendant took another hanky from his pocket and wiped the containers off.

The Defendant instructed the Rumbaugh's to stay in their bedroom while he fled the residence.

#### F. STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST LEROY FOWLER

Defendant is charged in the Second Amended Criminal Information with having committed the crime of: Count XXV - Burglary While In Possession of a Deadly Weapon,

against the victim Leroy Fowler. On June 6, 2000, Mr. Fowler resided at 1121 East Ogden Avenue, Apt. #9, Las Vegas, Nevada, in a studio apartment.

On June 6, at approximately 1:55 a.m., Mr. Fowler was sleeping on his bed. Mr. Fowler awoke to his front door being kicked in. Mr. Fowler encountered the Defendant, who had a knife in his hand. Mr. Fowler picked up a kitchen chair and began swinging it at the Defendant. Mr. Fowler was making a lot of noise and the Defendant told him several times to shut up.

Mr. Fowler continued swinging the kitchen chair, at which time the Defendant turned and ran out of the apartment.

# G. STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST JONI HALL

Defendant is charged in the Second Amended Criminal Complaint with having committed the crimes of: Count XVI - Burglary While in Possession of a Deadly Weapon; XXVII - First Degree Kidnapping With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Count XXVIII - Sexual Assault With Use of a Deadly Weapon; and XXIX - Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon, against victim Joni Hall.

On June 7, 2000, Joni Hall resided in an apartment located at 624 North 13th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Joni had been living in the apartment for a little over a month. Joni and her child along with another woman and her three children all lived in the apartment.

On June 7, during the early morning hours between 1:30 and 2:00 a.m., Joni arrived home to the apartment and went straight to bed. Joni awoke to a thud type noise and thought that maybe her roommate was hitting the wall or one of the children was hitting the door. Joni lay in bed for a couple a seconds before starting to shut her eyes again. Joni saw that the bedroom door was opening and she also saw the Defendant standing in the doorway putting something over his face and saying, "Oh Yeah." The Defendant also had a knife in his right hand.

The Defendant asked Joni if she had money and car keys. Joni told the Defendant no, and the Defendant told Joni not to lie to him. At that point the Defendant told Joni to get up out of bed and forced her to follow him into the living room and kitchen area of the apartment. The Defendant asked Joni if anybody else was in the apartment and Joni told him that her child was there and her roommate and her children were there.

The Defendant forced Joni to open and close cabinets in the living room and kitchen area of the residence to make sure she wasn't hiding anything. The Defendant also asked Joni what she had to eat and drink in the apartment.

The Defendant asked Joni for some Kool-Aid to drink and Joni gave it to him. The Defendant also took Joni's roommate's cigarettes out of a cabinet. After touching the outer cellophane of the cigarette package, the Defendant took the cellophane off of the package and burned it in the sink, telling Joni he didn't want evidence of his fingerprints around.

The Defendant forced Joni to walk back into her bedroom and he began going through Joni's things. The Defendant told Joni that he was going to "get some pussy from a scared white girl." The Defendant told Joni to lie down on the end of her bed and take off her pants. The Defendant then told Joni that he was just joking with her, that he wasn't like that, and that he wasn't going to do that to her.

A neighbor from upstairs made a loud noise which caused the Defendant to become nervous. The Defendant told Joni to turn off her kitchen and bathroom lights and then peaked out the kitchen blinds to see if anybody was coming downstairs.

The Defendant found some Saran Wrap in the kitchen and forced Joni to tear off a piece of it. The Defendant told Joni he was going to get some pussy from a white girl and told Joni to lay down on the floor, in front of the couch, in the living room. The Defendant walked towards Joni with the knife in one hand and the Saran Wrap in the other.

The Defendant unbuckled his belt and pulled down his pants and got down on the floor with Joni. The Defendant put the knife up near Joni's head and told her if she screamed or made any noise he would kill her. The Defendant put the Saran Wrap on his penis with the other hand and then put his penis in Joni's vagina for approximately one

 minute. The Defendant then got up, went into the bathroom and flushed the toilet. Joni did not see the Saran Wrap again after the Defendant came out of the bathroom.

The Defendant told Joni that he was going to take her television and told her to bring a stroller that she had in the bedroom out into the front room. The Defendant put the television in the stroller and took Joni's walkman as well.

After the Defendant left the apartment Joni went and woke up her roommate and told her to go the call the police because they had been robbed and Joni had been raped.

# H. <u>STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED</u> AGAINST GYALTSO LUNGTOK

Defendant is charged in the Second Amended Criminal Information with having committed the crimes of: Count XXX - Burglary While In Possession of a Deadly Weapon; Count XXXI - Attempt Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon; and Count XXXII - Murder With Use of a Deadly Weapon (Open Murder), against victim Gyaltso Lungtok.

On the evening of June 8, 2000, Gyaltso Lungtok became the victim of a homicide during a Burglary and Attempt Robbery perpetrated by the Defendant in this case.

The Defendant gave a statement to Detective LaRochelle, LVMPD Homicide Division, about the homicide investigation regarding Mr. Lungtok and during that initial conversation, Defendant indicated that he was out on the night in question with a guy named Deon. Defendant stated that Deon was talking about getting "a lick, which is a street term for a robbery to get money.

Defendant told Detective LaRochelle that Deon asked him for the gun that he was carrying, so he gave it to Deon.<sup>2</sup> Defendant further told Detective LaRochelle that he waited at a telephone bank while Deon entered the complex where Mr. Lungtok lived. Defendant indicated that he heard banging or crashing noises followed by gunshots. According to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The gun used in the Lungtok homicide has been forensically identified as the same gun used in the Lopez/Zazueta crimes.

Defendant, Deon came running and they ran off together and Deon told him that the shell casings got picked up from the shooting and not to worry about it.

Thereafter, Detective LaRochelle told the Defendant that his story was not plausible and that he knew the Defendant was more involved than what he had previously told him, at which time the Defendant changed his story and told Detective LaRochelle that he entered Mr. Lungtok's apartment in an attempt to get away from a police car that he saw cruising the street. Defendant said that he had the gun on him and was worried about being arrested if the police stopped him. Defendant told Detective LaRochelle that he thought the apartment was empty, so he kicked the door open and entered the apartment. Defendant indicated it was dark inside the apartment and he became startled when someone came at him from the dark, at which point he fired the gun.

# I. <u>STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST LAURA ZAZUETA, GUADALUPE LOPEZ, AND BEATRIZ ZAZUETA</u>

Defendant is charged in the Second Amended Criminal Information with having committed the crimes of: Count XXXII - Burglary While In Possession of a Deadly Weapon; XXXIV - Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Count XXXV - Attempt Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Count XXXVII - Attempt Robbery With Use of a Deadly Weapon; Count XXXVIII - Attempt Murder With Use of a Deadly Weapon; and Count XXXVIII - Battery With Use of a Deadly Weapon, for crimes committed against victims Laura Zazueta, Guadalupe Lopez, and Beatriz Zazueta.

Laura Zazueta, her sister Beatriz, her brother-in-law Guadalupe, and her nephews Carlitto, then 2 years of age, and Andras, then 4 years of age, lived at 2850 East Cedar Avenue, Apt. H-229. On the night of June 8, 2000, Laura went out with her boyfriend. He brought her home and left the apartment at approximately 11 or 12 p.m. At the time Laura got home none of her roommates were awake and she went directly to bed and went to sleep. At some point Laura woke up because she heard a noise, and found the Defendant in her bedroom.

In both English and Spanish, the Defendant told Laura to give him the money she had. Laura gave the Defendant approximately \$200.00 that she had in a chest of drawers, in her bedroom. After Laura gave the Defendant the money, he demanded more money and became vulgar saying things like "fuck you" and "bitch." Laura became nervous and was forced to her sister's room, while the Defendant followed behind her pointing the gun at her. When she got to her sister's room, her sister and brother-in-law woke up, causing the Defendant to demand more money from all of them and pointed the gun at all of them. Laura's four-year-old nephew woke up as the Defendant held them at gun point demanding money.

Laura's brother-in-law told the Defendant that he did not have any money, which caused the Defendant to become upset and place the gun against Guadalupe's forehead. Guadalupe grabbed the gun and a struggle ensued causing the gun to fire approximately four times. At that time, Laura dropped to the floor of the bedroom as her sister embraced the child. The Defendant and Guadalupe struggled with each other out of the bedroom and into the living room where Laura watched as the intruder got away by jumping from the couch through a window.

# J. STATEMENT OF FACTS PERTINENT TO DEFENDANT'S PRIOR JUVENILE CONVICTION FOR ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO

On September 4, 1996, Defendant, then 12 years of age, pointed a small handgun (later identified as a starter pistol) at Mertice Gawne, as he attempted to take her car from her. Police reports indicate that on the aforementioned day, Mertice Gawne was leaving a friend's house and walking to her automobile when she noticed the Defendant and two other boys observing her. Mertice got into her vehicle and waited until the boys were out of sight before leaving the area.

When Mertice got to the intersection of 110th and Hoyne, the Defendant and two other boys jumped out of some bushes and surrounded her car. The Defendant pointed a gun at Mertice and told her to get out of the car because he was taking it from her. The Defendant opened the driver's side door and another boy pounded on the hood of the car.

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Mertice quickly drove away from the boys and notified police with her cellular telephone.

The Defendant and the other two boys were picked up shortly thereafter. Ms. Gawne identified all three of the boys as the boys who tried to take her car.

On January 31, 1996, Defendant was adjudicated a delinquent and pled guilty to Armed Robbery, a Class X felony in the State of Illinois. On March 6, 1996, Defendant was placed on probation.

A copy of the police report and juvenile court disposition papers are attached hereto for this Court's review as Exhibit "1".

#### LEGAL ARGUMENT

1. THE STATE WAS NOT REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A JUVENILE COURT HEARING TO CERTIFY THE DEFENDANT AS AN ADULT.

Defendant's motion cites specifically to NRS 62.040 and NRS 62.080, as supportive to his instant argument. The State would point out that NRS 62.036 to 62.080 were repealed by Laws 2003, c. 206 § 383, effective January 1, 2004. As such, former provision NRS 62.040 is now NRS 62B.330, while former provision NRS 62.080 is now NRS 62B.390.

#### NRS 62B.330 states:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this title, the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child living or found within the county who is alleged or adjudicated to have committed a delinquent act.
- 2. For the purposes of this section, a child commits a delinquent act if the child:
  - (a) Violates a county or municipal ordinance;
  - (b) Violates any rule or regulation having the force of law; or
- (c) Commits an act designated a criminal offense pursuant to the laws of the State of Nevada.
- 3. For the purposes of this section, each of the following acts shall be deemed not to be a delinquent act, and the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a person who is charged with committing such an act:
- (a) Murder or attempted murder and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the murder or attempted murder, regardless of the nature of the related offense.

(b) Sexual assault or attempted sexual assault involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:

- (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault was committed; and
- (2) Before the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault was committed, the person previously had been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.
- (c) An offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:
- (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm was committed; and
- (2) Before the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm was committed, the person previously had been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.
- (d) A felony resulting in death or substantial bodily harm to the victim and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the felony, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:
- (1) The felony was committed on the property of a public or private school when pupils or employees of the school were present or may have been present, at an activity sponsored by a public or private school or on a school bus while the bus was engaged in its official duties; and
- (2) The person intended to create a great risk of death or substantial bodily harm to more than one person by means of a weapon, device or course of action that would normally be hazardous to the lives of more than one person.
- (c) Any other offense if, before the offense was committed, the person previously had been convicted of a criminal offense.

(Emphasis added).

The statutory provisions of NRS 62B.330 (3)(a),(b) and (c), does not give the juvenile court jurisdiction over this Defendant.

Initially, it should be noted that the Defendant was quite clearly 16 years of age or older when all of the charged crimes occurred and he was previously adjudicated as a delinquent for the charge of Armed Robbery on January 31, 1996, in Chicago, Illinois. See Exhibit "1." Obviously, Armed Robbery would be a Felony conviction if sustained by an adult.

Turning to the instant charges, the Defendant is charged with Murder, among other related charges, in the killing of Gyaltso Lungtok; Attempted Murder, among other related charges, in the attack on Leona Case; and Attempted Murder, among other related charges, in the attack on Guadalupe Lopez. As such, per NRS 62B.330(3)(a). Thus, the Juvenile Court would have no jurisdiction over the Defendant for the above cases.

Moreover, the Defendant is charged with Sexual Assault, among other related charges, in the attacks on Teresa Taylor, Ramona Leyva, Marlene Livingston and Joni Hall. The aforementioned Leona Case was also sexually assaulted so her case could be included in this category as well. As such, per NRS 62B.330 (3)(b)(1) and (2), the Juvenile Court would have no jurisdiction over the Defendant for the above cases.

Additionally, the Defendant is charged with crimes involving the use or threatened use of a firearm, among other related charges, in his attacks against Laura Zazueta and Beatrice Zazueta. The use or threatened use of a firearm is an aspect of the crimes involving Guadalupe Lopez and Gyaltso Lungtok as well, so they would be included in this category, too. As such, per NRS 62B.330 (3)(c) (1) and (2), the Juvenile Court would have no jurisdiction over the Defendant for the above cases.

Finally, all of the criminal events described in this Opposition occurred within a four (4) month time period and are inextricably intertwined in terms of the modus operandi (MO) associated with the offenses, the area of town in which the offenses were occurring and the motives behind the offenses. As such, the State would submit that all the offenses are essentially "related offenses" per NRS 62B.330; that is to say, that all offenses are essentially related to the other offenses in the other events. Due to the fact that most all events involve Murder, Attempted Murder, Sexual Assault or the Use of a Firearm as aspects

of the cases, and because all events and offenses are related, per NRS 62B.330, the Juvenile Court would have no jurisdiction over the Defendant for the above cases.

Contrary to the Defendant's belief that a hearing should be held in this case, based upon the aforementioned statutory language, the Defendant committed the type of crimes that preclude the juvenile court from having any jurisdiction over the matter for a hearing to be held.

Additionally, the Defendant cannot claim that the juvenile court failed to conduct a full investigation in this matter. The Juvenile Court never had jurisdiction or a need to do anything. Based upon the charges the Defendant was facing and the fact that he had a prior juvenile adjudication that would have been a felony if the crime had been committed by an adult, the police officers were given the authority to transfer the Defendant from the juvenile facility in Illinois to the adult facility here in Las Vegas, after the prosecutors in this case established with the Juvenile Division of the District Court that that division did not have the authority to take the Defendant.

#### CONCLUSION

Based upon the above and foregoing Points and Authorities the State respectfully requests Justin Porter's Motion to Remand the Case to Juvenile Court and Conduct a Hearing as to Whether he should be Certified as an Adult be denied.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID ROGER

Clark County District Attorney

Nevada Bar #002781

BY

LISA LUZAICH

Chief Deputy District Attorney

Nevada Bar #005056

#### **CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that service of State's Opposition to Justin Porter's Motion to Remand the Case to Juvenile Court and Conduct a Hearing as to Whether he should be Certified as an Adult be denied, was made this 12th day of June 2008, by facsimile transmission to:

CURTIS S. BROWN, DPD JOSEPH K. ABOOD, DPD FAX #383-6602

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Justin Porter, Cameron Ratcliff and Bennie Gipson were arrested for Attempt Armed Robbery by the arresting officer's after they were alerted to the Attempt Robbery by the victim calling on her cellular phone from her car. Arresting officer's apprehended immediately Justin Porte and Cameron Ratcliff and They were both posttively identified by the victim as the one's who tried to take her car at gun point. A small starter pistol was recovered and inventoried by the arresting officer's under Inventory \$1537249, inventoried was a Toy Gun, A small black starter pistol. A short time later tactical officer's learned of the third offender's locati and found him at his residence was Bennie Gipson. He was also identified by the victim in th only that one difference was that he changed his shirt. Victim related to the arresting offi that after leaving a friends house she was walking to her auto and she noticed that she was being observed by the offender's. Victim waited until the offender's were out of sight befor she drove off and as she got to the intersection of 110th and Hoyne the offender's jumped out

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R/YO Again spoke to the complainant and she related the same facts of the incident and also again described each of the 3 offenders and what parts they had in the incident which were the smae facts as reported to the police.

R/YO then advised all three offender's of their rights simoultaneously to Jason Porter, Bennie Gipson and Cameron Ratcliff. Bennie Gipson refused to give a statement at this time but both Justin Porter and Cameron Ratcliff gave the following statements.

Cameron Ratcliff stated that he did not have anything to do with the Robbery but he did say he saw Justin Porter point a gun at the victim while he tried to open her car door and heard him say that he wanted her car and to get out. R/YO asked if he was with Bennie and Justin and knew if Justin had a gun prior to them going up to the vehicle and he stated that he knew Justin had the gun, and that they were just playing.

Justin Porter then stated to R/YO that he did in fact point the gun at the victim and demand her vehicle and that they were just playing.

Bennie Gipson gave no statement as to what had occured or his part in the incident

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   FOR THE PLAINTIFF: ELISSA LUZAICH, ESQ.
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        LAS VEGAS, NEVADA; WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008
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              THE COURT: Mr. Abood?
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             MR. ABOOD: Yes, your Honor.
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             THE COURT: I'm listening.
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             MR. BROWN: Do you want him up here,
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   Judge? Do you want Mr. Porter up here?
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              THE COURT: Whatever he wants.
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             He can stay there.
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             What are we waiting on?
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             MR. ABOOD: We're ready when your Honor
   is.
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             THE COURT: I've been waiting for you for
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   30 minutes.
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             (Laughter.)
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             MR. ABOOD: Judge, we filed a couple of
   motions in this case. The first motion we filed was
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   a motion to remand the case back to juvenile court
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   and conduct a hearing as to whether or not Justin
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   should be certified as an adult. I know your Honor
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   has read the motion, but our main thrust is, Judge,
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   that according to statute, one of the elements would
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   have to have been that Justin had been previously
   adjudicated of what would have been a felon had he
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been an adult in an offense that he committed in
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   Chicago. Now, the only thing we really know about
   his adjudication in Chicago on that case is it ended
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   up being adjudicated as a theft according to the
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   paperwork that the State attached in their
   opposition to our motion.
                              That's all we know,
   Judge. If that offense is not a felony, then Justin
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   cannot be just summarily found to be an adult and
   taken out of the juvenile system for purposes of the
   offenses that he's facing which are going to trial
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   in this particular case. That's why we asked for a
   hearing to make a determination whether or not
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   Justin actually could or whether or not Justin
   actually qualifies for treatment in adult court or
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   whether or not this was a case that was better dealt
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   with in juvenile court based on that adjudication in
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   Chicago.
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             THE COURT: State, what's your response to
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   that?
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             MS. LUZAICH: Well, it was my
   understanding that it was a felony.
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             THE COURT:
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             What was that based on?
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             MS. LUZAICH: I hate to say it may have
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   been based on a conversation. My understanding may
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have been based on a conversation that I had with 1 2 somebody as opposed to documents that I had in my 3 hand. THE COURT: The requirement for those 5 sexual assaults I think is that he needs to have been adjudicated for a crime that would have been a felony before or a previous sexual assault, so we need to find out whether or not that was actually officially considered a felony. If it was theft, 10 like a misdemeanor theft or a petty larceny, then that wouldn't qualify. If it was grand larceny, it 11 would. Maybe we just need to try to get that 12 13 information, something official from Chicago. 14 MR. BROWN: Your Honor, we'll try and make efforts as well with the defense attorney system 15 that he had in place at the time. I don't know how 16 the records will hold up, but I think that that is a 17 critical issue that needs to be resolved. 18 19 THE COURT: In light of this motion, that's true, but that doesn't have any effect on the 20 21 other charges. 22 MR. BROWN: Well, it really would only be 23 the one other charge. It has affect on everything, I think, except the homicide charge, which I agree 24

with the Court would automatically, but when they

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   went to Chicago and originally conducted their
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   investigation, they clearly were there on the
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   charges other than the homicide, at least that's
   what they officially said in their reports, and they
   never announced and never informed anybody they were
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   there on that until they got back to Las Vegas.
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              THE COURT: That's fine.
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             Miss Luzaich, how much time do you need?
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             MS. LUZAICH: Calendar call is Monday or a
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   week from Monday.
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              THE COURT: We can work around that.
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             MS. LUZAICH: Hopefully I will know before
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   that.
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              THE COURT: Let's continue this to
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   calendar call.
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             You had another motion on, didn't you?
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             MR. ABOOD: Yes, your Honor.
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             Your Honor, we filed a motion to sever.
   The basis of that motion, Judge -- again, it's
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20 spelled out in our motion, but our biggest concern,
  your Honor, is that there are a number and a series
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   of crimes that Justin is charged with over a period
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23 of time, and if you believe the State's theory, it
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   culminates in a homicide. Now, this homicide, your
25 Honor, really has no connection at all to any of the
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other offenses. It's got a character all its own, and the evidence concerning the homicide is substantially thinner, very slim than any of the other evidence the State has to introduce concerning 5 the other counts. Now, our concern is that if that homicide is tried together with the other counts where the evidence tends to be somewhat stronger, 7 that the jury, because of the sheer number of counts in the case, is simply going to conclude that if the State may have met their burden concerning some of 10 the other counts based on the way they're presenting their case, we might as well just assume that he's 12 guilty of the homicide as well. That's the danger, 13 14 and that's our biggest concern. 15 For that reason, we're asking your Honor to sever the homicide which has, you know, very 16 little evidence to support it from the other counts. 17 18 Frankly, Judge, the homicide case can be tried in 19 less than a week. We proposed to your Honor that we 20 just try that case first and then the other counts we can just reset and maybe something will happen, 21 maybe it won't, Judge, but the nature of our request 22 is that it would be unfair to our client concerning 23 24 that homicide count, the most serious of these

counts, to try it together with the other counts.

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THE COURT: Well, what about Count XXXI?
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   Those counts -- that's an attempt robbery where a
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   weapon was used, I think, as opposed to the other
   ones where there were sexual assaults and the facts
   of those other cases.
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             MR. ABOOD: You're right, your Honor, it
   is, but it's removed in time. It would be one thing
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   if it occurred on the same night.
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             THE COURT: I don't know.
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             Miss Luzaich --
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             MS. LUZAICH: The homicide --
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             THE COURT: -- why do you have all these
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   cases together?
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             MS. LUZAICH: The homicide is not such a
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   poor case in light of the defendant's confession
   that has already been ruled admissible. He's
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   confessed to committing all of these offenses.
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             THE COURT: I understand that.
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             MS. LUZAICH: That being said, what it is
   is a series of home invasion robberies where he
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   kicks in the door, goes in, tries to take stuff, and
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   then the result of what happens while he's inside
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   differs depending on who is in there. When there
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   were women in there, he sexually assaulted them.
   When a man was in there, he killed him, but the
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whole series of incidents --
              THE COURT: I know, but how does this hurt
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   you by separating this murder from the rest of the
   sexual assaults? How are you prejudiced?
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             MS. LUZAICH: That's not the issue,
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   necessarily.
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              THE COURT: It's their issue.
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   issue. You just go and put -- every crime someone
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   commits, you put them all together and try them all
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   together.
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             What rule is that?
             MS. LUZAICH: The rule that says that all
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   the crimes that are related to each other can be
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   tried together under the statute, and they are all
   related to each other because he enters all of these
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   residences in about the same way, and then evidence
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   that is found within --
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             THE COURT: You're trying to show common
19 design scheme?
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             MS. LUZAICH: Yes. Additionally, evidence
   that is --
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             THE COURT: I think it's more prejudicial
   for you to have this murder with the rest of these
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   sexual assaults. The Court is going to grant the
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   motion to sever.
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MR. ABOOD: Thank you, your Honor.
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              THE COURT: However, I'm not going to try
   the murder first. I'm going to try all the other
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   ones first and get all the big ones out of the way.
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              MR. BROWN: Thank you, Judge.
              THE COURT: Unless Miss Luzaich has an
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   objection to that.
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              MS. LUZAICH: No, not right now I do not.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. ABOOD: Thank you very much, your
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   Honor.
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              MR. BROWN: We'll be back on calendar call
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   for the juvenile issues?
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              THE COURT:
                         Yes, so we can see when we're
   going to go to trial.
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              MR. BROWN: Okay, Judge.
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22	ABOOD, Deputy Public Defender, the Pla	aintiff being repres	ented by DAVID ROGER.	
23	District Attorney, through LISA LUZAICH, Chief Deputy District Attorney, and the Court			
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make a decision on the 15th day of October, 2008, and good cause appearing therefore,

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1	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Remand to Juvenile
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Plaintiff,

CASE NO. C174954X

DEPT. NO. VI

JUSTIN JUG CAPRI PORTER,

Defendant.

DATE: April 27:2009

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

# MOTION IN LIMINE TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM REFERRING TO THE DECEDENT, GYALTSO LUNGTOK, AS A FORMER "MONK"

COMES NOW, the Defendant, JUSTIN PORTER, by and through JOSEPH K. ABOOD and CURTIS S. BROWN, Deputy Public Defenders and hereby submits this motion in limine to prohibit the state from referring to the decedent, Gyaltso Lungtok, as a former "monk".

This Motion is made and based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein, and oral argument at the time set for hearing this Motion.

DATED this 13 day of April, 2009.

PHILIP J. KOHN

CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By CURTIS BROWN, #4546

Deputy Public Defender

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#### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Justin Porter is alleged to have killed a man named Gyaltso Lungtok after kicking in his apartment door and being confronted by the victim. During the investigation of this case, a witness named Jay Cleveland, a friend of Mr. Lungtok, spoke of the victim as aspiring to be a Monk. The victim was Chinese, living in India. While in India he attendtion "Monk school". He left India and decided to come to Las Vegas and live a "Norman life". Not only is there no evidence that the victim was a monk, but, even if the State could establish that, it is irrelevant and/or highly prejudicial.

#### LAW

NRS 48.015 states:

#### 48.015. "Relevant evidence" defined.

As used in this chapter, "relevant evidence" means evidence having any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action more or less probable than it would be without the evidence.

The suggestion that Mr. Lungtok may have been a monk years ago in India, if true, has not relevance at all to the State's case, and would only be used by the State to elicit sympathy or place Mr. Porter in a very bad light. The potential prejudice of this unsupported fact is clearly no justified based on its irrelevancy to the facts in issue.

#### NRS 48.025. Relevant evidence generally admissible; irrelevant evidence inadmissible.

- 1. All relevant evidence is admissible; except:
  - (a) As otherwise provided by this Title;
- (b) As limited by the Constitution of the United States or of the State of Nevada; or
- (c) Where a statute limits the review of an administrative determination to the record made or evidence offered before that tribunal.
  - 2. Evidence which is not relevant is not admissible.

Finally, if the State is able to show any relevance whatsoever in referring to the victim as a prior monk, its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice of confusion of the issues, or of misleading the jury.

The defense will be placed in a position to refute the proposition that the victim was ever actually a monk as there is no evidence other than what witness Jay Cleveland alleges that he heard from the victim concerning his life in India. This would clearly be a waste of time, and be unrelated to any material issue in this case.

48.035 Exclusion of relevant evidence on grounds of prejudice, confusion or waste of time.

- 1. Although relevant, evidence is not admissible if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, of confusion of the issues or of misleading the jury.
- 2. Although relevant, evidence may be excluded if its probative value is substantially outweighed by considerations of undue delay, waste of time or needless presentation of cumulative evidence.
- 3. Evidence of another act or crime which is so closely related to an act in controversy or a crime charged that an ordinary witness cannot describe the act in controversy or the crime charged without referring to the other act or crime shall not be excluded, but at the request of an interested party, a cautionary instruction shall be given explaining the reason for its admission.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, the defense respectfully requests that your Honor order the State to instruct their witness not to testify in any way that the victim in this case is or ever was a monk.

DATED this 13 day of April, 2009.

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#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

TO: CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Attorney for Plaintiff:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Public Defender's Office will bring the above and foregoing Motion on for hearing before the Court on the 22° day of April, 2009, at 8:30 a.m..

DATED this 13 day of April, 2009.

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#### RECEIPT OF COPY

RECEIPT OF COPY of the above and foregoing Motion in Limine to Prohibit the State from referring to the decedent, Gyaltso Lungtok, as a former "Monk" is hereby acknowledged this day of April, 2009.

CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

By Judy Olney

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