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**I. The trial Court violated the Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and the Nevada Constitution by excluding expert rebuttal testimony.**

Det. Ehlers' opinions at trial differed significantly from those offered by Det. Ramirez at the preliminary hearing, and were never provided to the defense in any form prior to trial. On these facts, there is a world of difference between Ramirez's opinion at the preliminary hearing that the remnant images had simply been "deleted" by unspecified means, and Ehlers' repeated opinions that deliberate human interaction had placed the files in the unallocated space. (I 42; VI 1141, 1148, 1190). These new opinions were crucial to the State's theory of the case because the State used this evidence to prove willfulness and intent on Castaneda's part. Ehlers' opinion that the



1 remnant images resulted solely from intentional human deletions could not  
2 have been more prejudicial, and could not have been more tailor-made to the  
3 State's theory of the case. These opinions formed a key component of the  
4 State's case and were used as substantive evidence of guilt. (VII 1469; 1704-  
5 05).  
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8 NRS 174.234(2)(a) requires both parties to provide the other side with  
9 written notice of "the substance" of expert testimony. Subsection (3)(b)  
10 provides that "[t]he court shall prohibit the party from introducing that  
11 information in evidence or shall prohibit the expert witness from testifying if  
12 the court determines that the party acted in bad faith by not timely disclosing  
13 that information pursuant to subsection 2." Here, unnoticed expert testimony  
14 ambushed the defense and was allowed to go largely unchallenged as a result  
15 of the Court's exclusion of a defense expert. This Court has recognized the  
16 significance of the defendant's right to discredit the State's witnesses:  
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19 . . . [T]he district court must be cognizant that defendants have the  
20 constitutional right to discredit their accuser, and this right 'can be but  
21 limitedly circumscribed.' *Therefore, to protect this constitutional right,*  
22 *there is a strong presumption to allow the testimony of even late-*  
23 *disclosed witnesses, and evidence should be admitted when it goes to*  
24 *the heart of the case.* However, the district court must also balance this  
25 right against 'not only the waste of judicial time factor ... but must take  
26 particular care not to permit annoying, harassing, humiliating and  
27 purely prejudicial attacks unrelated to credibility.'  
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*Sampson v. State*, 121 Nev. 820, 827-828, 122 P.3d 1255, 1260 (2005)

1 (internal citations omitted). This evidence met *Sampson's* criteria for  
2 admission: Leon Mare would have directly contradicted Ehlers' claims  
3 regarding the mechanisms that placed the remnant files in unallocated space,  
4 and would have provided jurors with far more detailed and grounded analyses  
5 of significant definitions at issue in the case. (II 303-11). This testimony went  
6 directly to Ehlers' credibility, would not have wasted judicial time, and  
7 would not have amounted to "annoying, harassing, humiliating" or  
8 "prejudicial" evidence. *Id.*

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10 This Court must reject the State's contention that vigorous cross-  
11 examination is an acceptable substitute for the sworn testimony of a defense  
12 expert. (Answering Brief, 10). "Although the trial judge noted in denying the  
13 request that the defense had had two opportunities to cross-examine  
14 Kooshian, this Court has recognized that cross-examination is 'an inadequate  
15 substitute for surrebuttal.'" *Lickey v. State*, 108 Nev. 191, 195, 827 P.2d 824,  
16 826 (1992), *citing Cox v. State*, 805 P.2d 374 (Alaska App. 1991). Because a  
17 key witness offered previously undisclosed opinions to comport with the  
18 State's theory of the case, the trial Court should have found a violation of  
19 NRS 174.234's discovery requirements and should have permitted the  
20 defense to call an expert in response to the new evidence. By permitting the  
21 State to sandbag the defense with highly prejudicial last-minute changes to  
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1 the substance of a witness's expert testimony, the trial Court failed to validate  
2 the Legislature's requirement that the State produce the "substance" of expert  
3 testimony to the defense prior to trial. The purpose of requiring the State to  
4 disclose evidence is to promote "the fair and efficient administration of  
5 criminal justice by providing the defendant with enough information to make  
6 an informed decision as to plea; by minimizing the undesirable effect of  
7 surprise at trial; and by otherwise contributing to an accurate determination of  
8 the issue of guilt or innocence." *United States v. Euceda-Hernandez*, 768  
9 F.2d 1307, 1312 (11th Cir. 1985). Here, the State failed to disclose the  
10 substance of significant expert testimony prior to trial, and the Court's  
11 exclusion of the defense expert crippled the defense and violated the Fifth,  
12 Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments and the Nevada Constitution.  
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15 **II. The prosecutor violated the Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments**  
16 **and the Nevada Constitution by committing misconduct.**  
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18 Prosecutors have limits and obligations that don't apply to other  
19 lawyers. *Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78, 88 (1935). This Court has  
20 noted that because criminal cases "involve constitutional issues," they require  
21 "heavy scrutinization of improper comments" by attorneys. *Lioce v. Cohen*,  
22 149 P.3d 916, 929 (Nev. 2006). The State's repeated emphases that the  
23 defense had offered "no evidence" of Hines' misrepresentations (VII 1469-  
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1 70), “no evidence” of a conspiracy to frame Castaneda (VII 1480), and “no  
2 evidence” of the defense theory regarding a computer virus (VIII 1568-69),  
3 constitute highly prejudicial instances of misconduct. Coupled with the use of  
4 misleading PowerPoint slides, this Court must find reversible error based on  
5 burden-shifting.  
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8 The State also committed clear misconduct in vouching for Det. Ehlers,  
9 misstating multiple evidentiary terms, mischaracterizing the defense theory of  
10 the case, misstating the evidence, and urging jurors to analyze the  
11 photographs in violation of a pre-trial stipulation that the images, in fact,  
12 constituted child pornography. (VIII 1569, 1581-82, 1558-59, 1570, 1586,  
13 1588-89). Significantly, the prosecutor also denigrated defense counsel and  
14 implied to jurors that defense counsel’s objections were improper and  
15 inappropriate, even after the Court sustained the defense objection to this  
16 misconduct. (VIII 1560, 1565, 1574).  
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19 Because of these repeated acts of misconduct, the Court should have  
20 granted a mistrial under Article I, Section 3 of the Nevada Constitution and  
21 under the Fifth and Sixth Amendments. *Rudin v. State*, 120 Nev. 121, 86 P.3d  
22 572, 587 (2004); *Hylton v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, 103 Nev. 418, 421,  
23 743 P.2d 622 (1987); *Arizona v. Washington*, 434 U.S. 497, 505 (1978).  
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25 This Court should find that this is a case where the State’s cumulative  
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1 misconduct seriously affected the integrity or public reputation of the judicial  
2 proceedings. *Gaxiola v. State*, 119 P.3d 1225 (2005). The State owed  
3 Castaneda a duty to act as an “unprejudiced, impartial, and nonpartisan”  
4 public official “bent only on seeing justice done and the law vindicated in  
5 accordance with the rules of law.” *State v. Rodriguez*, 31 Nev. 342, 346, 102  
6 P. 863 (1909). Error is harmless if without reservation, the verdict would  
7 have been the same in the absence of error. *Witherow v. State*, 104 Nev. 721,  
8 724, 765 P.2d 1153, 1156 (1988). Because the State’s misconduct tainted this  
9 trial and the verdicts, this Court must reverse.  
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11 **III. The State failed to prove Castaneda’s guilt beyond a reasonable**  
12 **doubt.**  
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14 Detective Ramirez admitted that automated programs can access files  
15 without human involvement, including virus protection programs, and that  
16 there is no way of knowing whether a file on a flash drive was accessed by a  
17 human user or by an automated program. (V 1022-23). This evidence, alone,  
18 constitutes reasonable doubt and offers grounds for reversal. But Ramirez  
19 also admitted that users can download large files without knowledge of  
20 individual file contents, and Ehlers admitted that viruses can similarly  
21 download image files without a user’s knowledge. (V 1014, VI 1128-29).  
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23 In this case, the evidence reveals that automated programs accessed these  
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1 images in a fashion that was highly inconsistent with human activity. The  
2 evidence revealed that multiple images were accessed near-simultaneously on  
3 different computers, consistent with activity by an automated program. (VI  
4 1134. 1138-40). In upholding similar convictions, other courts rely on far  
5 more compelling evidence than is present in the instant case:  
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8       There is ample evidence that Bass used two software programs,  
9       “History Kill” and “Window Washer,” in an attempt to remove child  
10       pornography from the computer. Bass admitted he had used both  
11       “History-Kill” and “Window Washer” to delete child pornography  
12       because “he didn’t want his mother to see those images....” ROA, Vol.  
13       II at 54. Both programs were installed on the computer when it was  
14       searched. Therefore, this case does not differ significantly from  
15       Tucker. In both cases, there was sufficient evidence of knowing  
16       possession of child pornography.

17       *U.S. v. Bass*, 411 F.3d 1198, 1202 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005). This Court must hold the  
18       State to its burden of proving the element of intent beyond a reasonable  
19       doubt:

20       It is also true that ‘a defendant may be convicted [of possessing child  
21       pornography] only upon a showing that he knew that the [disks]  
22       contained an unlawful visual depiction.’ *See id.* Therefore, to possess  
23       the images in the cache, the defendant must, at a minimum, know that  
24       the unlawful images are stored on a disk or other tangible material in  
25       his possession.

26       *U.S. v. Romm* 455 F.3d 990, 1000 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006). In light of compelling  
27       evidence that automated programs accessed these images, that multiple  
28       individuals accessed these computers, and that the State’s witnesses offered  
inconsistent and evolving versions of how they came into possession of the

1 flash drive, this Court must conclude that the State failed to prove beyond a  
2 reasonable doubt that Castaneda knowingly and intentionally possessed these  
3 images.  
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5 The State references *State v. Zana* for support of the State's position that  
6 searches including the word "young" allow for the "reasonable inference"  
7 that images of child pornography sexually gratified Castaneda and that he  
8 intentionally and willfully possessed them. (Answering Brief, 24). This  
9 argument unreasonably stretches the logic of *Zana* beyond the realm of  
10 legitimate inference:  
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13 Evidence that he inappropriately touched young girls suggests contact  
14 with young girls sexually gratified Zana. It is reasonable to then infer  
15 that he did not possess pornographic photographs of young females  
16 accidentally, but rather knowingly and willfully downloaded the  
17 photographs to satisfy the sexual desires his inappropriate touching  
18 evidences. Therefore, evidence of Zana's lewd behavior was admissible  
19 to prove the knowing and willful element of the pornography charge.

20 *Zana v. State*, 125 Nev. 541, 549, 216 P.3d 244, 249 - 250 (2009). In *Zana*,  
21 the State was permitted to introduce evidence of acts of lewdness to  
22 counteract the defense theory of accidental or mistaken possession of child  
23 pornography. *Id.*  
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25 Here, Det. Ehlers testified regarding the use of the word "young" in  
26 several searches. (VI 1186). However, the mere use of this word should not  
27 be deemed evidence of intent to procure or possess child pornography. Ehlers  
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1 admitted that the words "young" and "teen" and "cheerleader" are popular  
2 search terms on multiple legal, adult pornography sites. (VI 1194). Unlike the  
3 acts of lewdness at issue in *Zana*, the use of the term "young" in pornography  
4 site searches is an entirely legal and common act that usually results in  
5 images of youthful actresses and models, not children. In fact, Det. Tooley  
6 admitted that a popular type of legal, adult pornography contains images of  
7 young women who are over eighteen, but appear younger than eighteen. (VI  
8 1288). These women sometimes dress like cheerleaders and parochial  
9 schoolgirls to look younger. (VI 1288). Users who search for this type of  
10 legal pornography peruse websites like "Barely Legal," and often use "teen"  
11 or "young" as a search term to find this type of legal pornography. (VI 1287-  
12 88). As Det. Ehlers admitted, there was no evidence that terms like "child" or  
13 "prepubescent" had ever been used as search terms on these systems. (VI  
14 1192). Thus, this Court must reject the State's suggestion that the use of the  
15 term "young" paralleled the acts of lewdness in *Zana*.

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17 In sum, this Court should find that the State failed to present sufficient  
18 evidence to sustain these convictions:

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20 Instead, the relevant question is whether, after viewing the evidence in  
21 the light most favorable to the prosecution, any rational trier of fact  
22 could have found the essential elements of the crime beyond a  
23 reasonable doubt. See *Johnson v. Louisiana*, 406 U.S., at 362. This  
24 familiar standard gives full play to the responsibility of the trier of fact  
25 fairly to resolve conflicts in the testimony, to weigh the evidence, and



1 to draw reasonable inferences from basic facts to ultimate facts.  
2 *Jackson v. Virginia*, 443 U.S. 307, 319 (1979). "[T]he standard must be  
3 applied with explicit reference to the substantive elements of the criminal  
4 offense as defined by state law." *Brown v. Farwell*, 525 F.3d 787, 794 (9th  
5 Cir. Nev. 2008). Because the evidence did not prove beyond a reasonable  
6 doubt that Castaneda knowingly and intentionally committed these offenses,  
7 this Court must reverse.  
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11 **IV. The Court violated Castaneda's due process and fair trial rights by**  
12 **admitting other bad acts without satisfying *Petrocelli v. State*.**  
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14 "A presumption of inadmissibility attaches to all prior bad act evidence."  
15 *Ledbetter v. State*, 129 P. 3d 671, 677 (Nev. 2006) (quoting *Rosky v. State*,  
16 111 P.3d 690, 697 (2005)). As acknowledged in the Opening Brief, trial  
17 counsel did not initially object to the redacted interview's references to 56  
18 uncharged images during argument on the defense motion to exclude  
19 references to uncharged images. (Opening Brief, 36-37; III 517, 546, 551). In  
20 light of the fact that the State had not yet decided whether to even introduce  
21 the interview, defense counsel explicitly said, "*At this time* we don't have a  
22 general objection to the as redacted transcript." (III 551) (emphasis added).  
23 Contrary to the State's assertion that the Opening Brief conflates two  
24 unrelated issues, the defense provided the full background of pre-trial  
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1 discussions on the issue of additional uncharged images in the interests of full  
2 disclosure. The Opening Brief does not assert that the Court's initial ruling on  
3 the defense motion included the transcript's reference to 56 uncharged  
4 images.  
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7 However, the defense position and the Court's analysis in excluding  
8 references to other uncharged images apply equally to Det. Tooley's  
9 references during the interview with Castaneda. The State contends that  
10 Tooley's statements do not constitute bad acts. (Answering Brief, 30). In a  
11 trial for fifteen counts of possession of child pornography, the assertion that a  
12 defendant had committed additional uncharged crimes through the possession  
13 of 56 additional uncharged images of child pornography certainly constitutes  
14 "other bad acts" evidence, and the Court erred in failing to hold a *Petrocelli*  
15 hearing and in failing to offer a limiting instruction. This Court has noted that  
16 "[i]n evaluating whether the probative value of the evidence is substantially  
17 outweighed by the danger of prejudice, we reiterate that evidence of prior bad  
18 acts may unduly influence the jury and result in a conviction based on the  
19 accused's propensity to commit a crime rather than on the State's ability to  
20 prove all the elements of the crime." *Walker v. State*, 116 Nev. 442, 447  
21 (2000). Here, this Court must find reversible error in the admission of this  
22 highly inflammatory evidence, particularly in the absence of a limiting  
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1 instruction.

2 **V. The Court erred in rejecting proposed defense Jury Instructions.**

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4 Contrary to the State's claim that the Opening Brief lacks legal authority  
5 regarding Instruction 12 (Answering Brief, 33), the brief includes general  
6 citations to relevant legal authority regarding the provision of appropriate  
7 jury instructions (Opening Brief, 40). Although no Nevada case has  
8 specifically addressed the applicability of this instruction to cases involving  
9 images copied to a computer over which the defendant has some degree of  
10 control, as noted in the Opening Brief, this Court has emphasized that trial  
11 courts should exercise diligence in insuring that jury instructions fit the facts  
12 of the case: "[j]urors . . . should be provided with applicable legal principles  
13 by accurate, clear, and complete *instructions specifically tailored to the facts*  
14 *and circumstances of the case.*" *Crawford v. State* 121 Nev. 744, 754, 121  
15 P.3d 582, 588 (2005) (emphasis added). Because this instruction suggested  
16 liability could be inferred from mere constructive possession, the Court erred  
17 in providing the instruction where the facts revealed that numerous  
18 individuals had accessed Castaneda's computers. Similarly, under *Crawford*,  
19 the Court should have provided the proposed instructions regarding search  
20 warrants, specific intent, and evidence capable of two different  
21 interpretations. (II 253-54; 255-58). These instructions clarified areas of  
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1 potential confusion for the jury, and had particular applicability to the facts of  
2 this case. *Id.*

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4 **VI. The Court erred in denying dismissal of Counts II-XV.**

5 Because the State proved only one act of digital possession on the day the  
6 computers were seized, this Court should reverse the trial Court's denial of  
7 the defense motion to dismiss Counts II through XV. These images existed  
8 on the same computer network on the date detectives executed the search  
9 warrant and seized the computers; the State failed to prove that Castaneda  
10 "possessed" the images on any other date or in any other form. In *People v.*  
11 *Hertzig*, the defendant was convicted of ten counts of possession of child  
12 pornography under Section 311.11(a) of California's Penal Code. The  
13 convictions arose from possession of thirty videos of child pornography  
14 found on a laptop computer seized from the defendant's residence. However,  
15 the Court of Appeal agreed with the defense that the defendant had only  
16 committed one crime of possession of contraband, and reversed nine of the  
17 ten counts because "[the defendant's] possession of multiple video images on  
18 his computer constituted a single count of possession." *People v. Hertzig*, 156  
19 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 398, 400-40, 404 (2007).

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21 Although the State suggests that the presence of the word "any" in NRS  
22 200.730 requires multiple convictions (Answering Brief, 38), the California  
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1 statute at the time *Hertzig* was decided also contained the word “any”:

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3 Every person who knowingly possesses or controls any matter,  
4 representation of information, data, or image, including, but not limited  
5 to, any film, filmstrip, photograph, negative, slide, photocopy,  
6 videotape, video laser disc, computer hardware, computer software,  
7 computer floppy disc, data storage media, CD-ROM, or computer-  
8 generated equipment or any other computer-generated image that  
9 contains or incorporates in any manner, any film or filmstrip, the  
10 production of which involves the use of a person under the age of 18  
11 years, knowing that the matter depicts a person under the age of 18  
12 years personally engaging in or simulating sexual conduct, as defined  
13 in subdivision (d) of Section 311.4, is guilty of a felony and shall be  
14 punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or a county jail for up to  
15 one year, or by a fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars  
16 (\$2,500), or by both the fine and imprisonment.

17 West's Ann. Cal. Penal Code § 311.11 (2006). In evaluating *Hertzig*, another  
18 California appellate court agreed with the premise that possession of multiple  
19 images at the same time did not warrant multiple convictions. *People v.*  
20 *Manfredi*, 169 Cal. App. 4th 622, 629-630, 86 Cal. Rptr. 3d 810, 816 (Cal.  
21 App. 5<sup>th</sup> 2008). Similarly, this Court should find that simultaneous digital  
22 possession of several images warrants only a single conviction.

23 Further, the State's theory leads to absurd results and renders this statute  
24 unconstitutionally vague under the due process clauses of the Fifth and  
25 Fourteenth Amendments.

26 “Vagueness may invalidate a criminal law for either of two  
27 independent reasons,” *Chicago v. Morales*, 527 U.S. 41, 56, 119 S. Ct.  
28 1849, 144 L.Ed.2d 67 (1999): (1) if it ‘fails to provide a person of  
ordinary intelligence fair notice of what is prohibited’; or (2) if it ‘is so

1 standardless that it authorizes or encourages seriously discriminatory  
2 enforcement.””

3 *State v. Castaneda*, 245 P.3d 550, 553 (Nev. 2010), quoting *Holder v.*  
4 *Humanitarian Law Project*, 561 U.S. 1, 130 S. Ct. 2705, 2718 (2010). Here,  
5 no reasonable person could anticipate one felony charge based on a single  
6 video containing thousands of images, yet multiple felony charges from a  
7 single act of simultaneous possession of several digital images. Because this  
8 statute fails to provide fair notice of the prohibited acts, and because the  
9 statute authorizes discriminatory enforcement, this Court must deem this  
10 statute unconstitutionally vague.

11 The State argues in part that the Nevada Legislature’s “strong stance”  
12 against child pornography warrants rejection of the constitutional challenge  
13 to the State’s interpretation of NRS 200.730. (Answering Brief, 40).  
14 However, the public policy underlying a statute, regardless of how noble the  
15 intent, cannot trump the requirement that all statutes satisfy constitutional due  
16 process requirements. In the *Manfredi* decision, the California appellate court  
17 rejected the government’s policy-based argument that the Legislature  
18 intended stricter scrutiny of this type of crime:

19 While we agree that a depiction of child pornography is capable of  
20 being reproduced innumerable times, each individual who is in  
21 possession of that piece of child pornography is subject to prosecution.  
22 Each separate person who possesses the same depiction of child  
23 pornography is subject to prosecution, whether that is one person or  
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1 one million people; each time the child pornography falls into the  
2 hands of an individual, a prosecution is authorized. Thus, although  
3 there is the possibility of a "revictimization" based on the same matter,  
4 each possession of that matter is subject to a new prosecution on each  
5 separate occasion and with each separate possessor. In addition, there  
6 are numerous statutes punishing all of the various aspects associated  
7 with child pornography.

8 *People v. Manfredi*, 169 Cal. App. 4th at 629. For the same reasons, this  
9 Court should reject the State's contention that the statute should be applied in  
10 a manner that creates multiple crimes for a single act of possession by one  
11 individual. As in California, Nevada's statutes authorize multiple  
12 prosecutions against each individual who possesses these images, and  
13 Nevada's statutes punish all aspects of the creation, dissemination, and  
14 transmission of child pornography. NRS 200.700-200.760. Because the  
15 State's position results in an absurd and unconstitutionally vague  
16 interpretation of the statute, this Court must reverse all but one conviction for  
17 an act of simultaneous digital possession of a group of images. *Wilson v.*  
18 *State*, 121 Nev. 345, 114 P.3d 285 (2005).

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22 **VII. The Court erred in denying dismissal based on witness perjury.**

23 "It is established that a conviction obtained by the knowing use of  
24 perjured testimony is fundamentally unfair and must be set aside if there is  
25 any reasonable likelihood that the false testimony could have affected the  
26 judgment of the jury." *Riley v. State*, 93 Nev. 461, 462, 567 P.2d 475, 476  
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1 (1977). The State contends that Hines' misrepresentations are not material to  
2 the case and did not warrant dismissal. The State's position ignores the facts  
3 that Hines' allegations gave rise to these charges in the first place, and that  
4 Hines' initial descriptions resulted in a bindover based on perjured testimony.  
5 Hines' version of how the drive was discovered pinpointed Castaneda as the  
6 sole suspect and resulted in the loss of potential evidence from Hines' and  
7 Landeau's computers. Thus, the perjury in this case was material and the  
8 resulting convictions fundamentally unfair.

12 A conviction must be set aside if there is *any reasonable likelihood* that  
13 the false testimony could have affected the judgment of the jury. *United*  
14 *States v. Agurs*, 427 U.S. 97, 103, 96 S. Ct. 2392 (1976). "[A] government's  
15 assurances that false evidence was presented in good faith are little comfort to  
16 a criminal defendant wrongly convicted on the basis of such evidence. A  
17 conviction based in part on false evidence, even false evidence presented in  
18 good faith, hardly comports with fundamental fairness." *U.S. v. Young*, 17  
19 F.3d 1201, 1203-04 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994). Where incontrovertible evidence exists  
20 that perjury was committed, this Court cannot have confidence in the verdicts  
21 in this case and must order reversal and dismissal.<sup>1</sup>

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27 <sup>1</sup> The State claims that the Opening Brief omitted specific citations to the  
28 record. However, on page 48 of the brief, the defense cited Volume I, page  
191 of the Appellate Appendix, referencing the defense Motion to Dismiss.



1 **VIII. The Court erred in refusing to conduct a hearing regarding a**  
2 **juror's perceived inattentiveness.**  
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4 The State's extensive discussion of the dismissal of Juror Two highlights  
5 the trial Court's inconsistency in addressing potential juror problems.  
6 Although the Court questioned Juror Two and made a detailed record of the  
7 reasons for the dismissal, based on part on the Court's observations, the Court  
8 refused to similarly credit the defense attorney's observations of Juror Six  
9 and failed to conduct an adequate inquiry under *Viray v. State*, 121 Nev. 159  
10 (2005). Although the State quibbles that "mere assertions" are not evidence,  
11 and that the defense attorney's representations were "speculative"  
12 (Answering Brief, 44-46), the contemporaneous observations of a trial  
13 attorney comprise the only method of seeking redress in this situation and an  
14 appropriate basis upon which to conduct further inquiry. This Court must find  
15 error in the trial Court's refusal to conduct this inquiry into whether Juror Six  
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22 This Motion includes the following exhibits, fully reproduced in the  
23 Appellate Appendix: the Preliminary Hearing transcript containing Hines'  
24 testimony at pages 197-204, and the transcript of Hines' interview with Det.  
25 Tooley at pages 238-248. Page 48 of the Opening Brief also specifically cited  
26 Volume 1, page 29, containing page 10 of the preliminary hearing transcript,  
27 wherein Hines claimed she did not initially know who owned the flash drive.  
28 However, one citation was inadvertently omitted in the Opening Brief at page  
49, line 4; that paragraph should have contained a citation to Volume IV,  
pages 898-899, where Hines admitted at trial that she lied under oath.  
Counsel regrets the omission.

1 fulfilled her obligations as a juror.

2 **IX. Cumulative error warrants reversal of these convictions.**

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4 Although multiple discrete errors may not warrant reversal when reviewed  
5 individually, the cumulative effect of these errors on the trial as a whole  
6 warrants relief. *Daniel v. State*, 119 Nev. 498, 78 P.3d 890 (2003). A  
7 cumulative-error analysis "aggregates all the errors that individually have  
8 been found to be harmless, and therefore not reversible, and . . . analyzes  
9 whether their cumulative effect on the outcome of the trial is such that  
10 collectively they can no longer be determined to be harmless." *United States*  
11 *v. Rivera*, 900 F.2d 1462, 1470 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1990) (en banc). Courts analyze  
12 cumulative error by conducting the same inquiry as for individual error:  
13 whether the defendant's substantial rights were affected. *United States v.*  
14 *Kartman*, 417 F.2d 893, 894 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1969). Based on the cumulative error in  
15 this case, reversal is warranted.

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21 **CONCLUSION**

22 Based on the foregoing argument and on the Opening Brief, incorporated  
23 by reference herein, this Court must reverse these convictions.

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1 accompanying brief is not in conformity with the requirements of the Nevada  
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