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DAIMON MONROE,

Appellant,

vs.

STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

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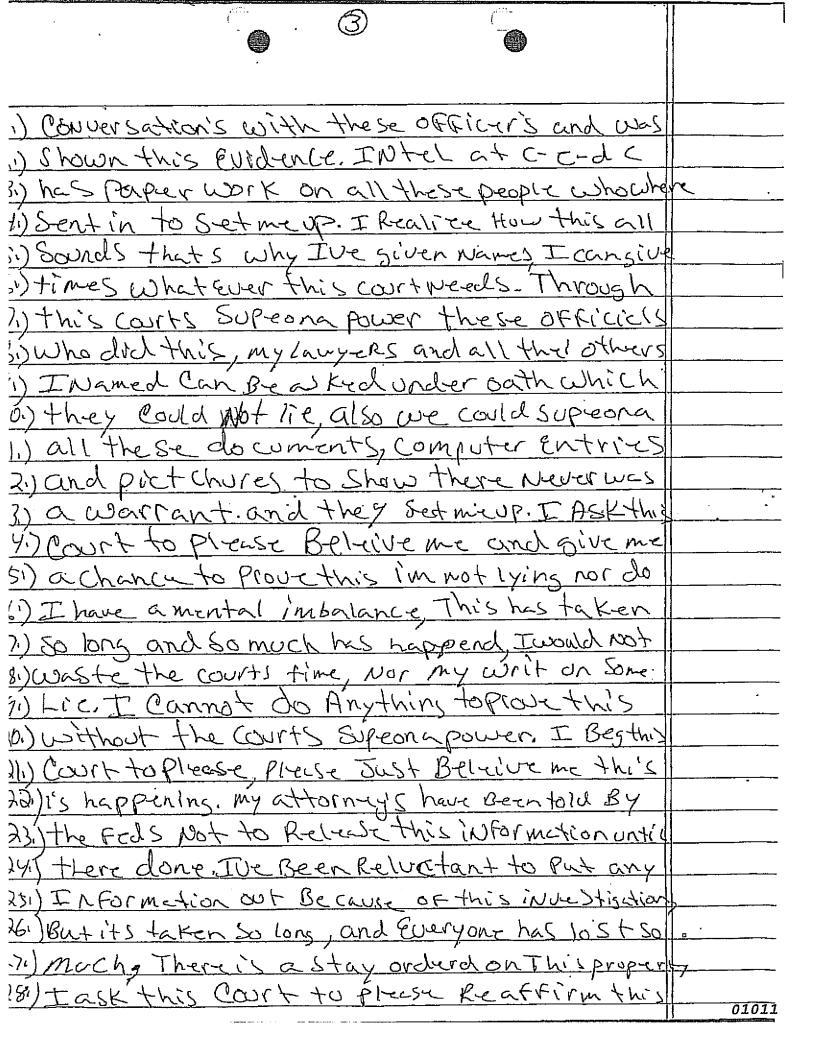
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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On December 13, 2006, the State of Nevada charged Defendant Daimon Monroe (Defendant) by Indictment with: Count 1 – Conspiracy to Possess Stolen Property and/or Commit Burglary (Gross Misdemeanor – NRS 205.275, 199.480); and Counts 2-27 – Possession of Stolen Property (Felony – NRS 205.275). The State also filed on April 30, 2008, a notice of intent to seek Defendant's adjudication as a habitual criminal. The State successfully sought leave to amend the Indictment, and, on May 1, 2008, filed the Amended Indictment. Defendant filed on May 3, 2008 a Notice of Motion to Suppress Evidence Obtained Pursuant to Search Warrants, which the State opposed in a May 9, 2008 filing. On May 7, 2008, Defendant: (1) filed a Joinder of Motions, which joined motions filed by his co-defendants; (2) filed a pleading styled "Motion to Suppress Evidence (as Fruit of the Poisonous Tree)"; and (3) joined in his co-defendant's "Motion to Suppress Evidence (as Fruit of the Poisonous Tree)." The State filed its opposition on May 9, 2008, and, on May 12, 2008, the Court denied both of Defendant's motions.

Defendant proceeded to trial on May 13, 2008. His jury trial concluded on May 20, 2008, with a jury verdict finding him guilty of Counts 1-27 of a Second Amended Indictment. On October 1, 2008, the Court adjudicated Defendant under the large habitual criminal statute and sentenced him to the following: Count 1- twelve (12) months in the Clark County Detention Center (CCDC); Counts 2-14 – Life without the possibility of parole, Counts 2-14 running concurrently to one another; Counts 15-27 – Life without the possibility of parole, Counts 15-27 running concurrently with each other, but consecutively to Counts 2-14. The Court also ordered Defendant's sentence in this case to run consecutively to his sentence in C227874 with zero (0) days credit for time served. The Court filed its judgment of conviction on November 4, 2008.

Defendant filed a timely notice of appeal on November 19, 2008. Among other appellate claims, Defendant alleged the Court erred in denying his motions to suppress based on a traffic stop and resulting search warrants. On July 30, 2010, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed Defendant's Count 1-10, 12-27 convictions and sentences, vacated his conviction

on Count 11 due to insufficient evidence of value, and issued its remittitur on August 30, 2010. As to Defendant's Fourth Amendment claims, the Nevada Supreme Court concluded "that Monroe's arrest did not result from an unreasonable search or seizure...," and that the search warrants were supported by adequately particularized probable cause. Monroe v. State, Case No. 52788 (Order of Affirmance), July 30, 2010, p.2-6.

Defendant filed this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) on July 7, 2011. Defendant alleges four grounds for relief. All four grounds for relief relate to the same argument that the search warrants executed on Defendant's home did not actually exist and the warrants actually produced were part of a vast conspiracy being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and involving the recent homeowner's association scandal widely reported in the media. The State's response follows.

ARGUMENT

I. Defendant's Grounds 1-2 Are Barred from Consideration by the Law of the Case Doctrine

Grounds ·1-2 of Defendant's petition consist of a transparent attempt to relitigate, under the guise of Sixth Amendment post-conviction claims and rambling allegations of an unspecified conspiracy to frame Defendant, matters already decided by the Nevada Supreme Court in his direct appeal. The Nevada Supreme Court has already thoroughly examined the validity of the search warrants involved in this case and determined that they were supported by probable cause and sufficient particularity. Where an issue has already been decided on the merits by the Nevada Supreme Court, the Court's ruling is law of the case, and the issue will not be revisited. Pellegrini v. State, 117 Nev. 860, 884, 34 P.3d 519, 535 (2001); see also McNelton v. State, 115 Nev. 396, 990 P.2d 1263, 1276 (1999); Hall v. State, 91 Nev. 314, 315-16, 535 P.2d 797, 798-99 (1975); Valerio v. State, 112 Nev. 383, 386, 915 P.2d 874, 876 (1996); Hogan v. Warden, 109 Nev. 952, 860 P.2d 710 (1993). A Defendant cannot avoid the law of the case doctrine by a more detailed and precisely focused argument. Hall, 91 Nev. at 316, 535 P.2d at 798-99; see also Pertgen v. State, 110 Nev. 557, 557-58, 875 P.2d 316, 362 (1994). Moreover, Defendant cannot attempt to circumvent the law of the case

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Mhite v. United States, 371 F.3d 900, 902 (7th Cir. 2004) ("Invoking the doctrine of the law of the case, the courts... forbid a prisoner to relitigate in a collateral proceeding an issue that was decided on his direct appeal."). The instant petition's Grounds 1-2 seek relief based on arguments already resolved adversely to Defendant on appeal. See Monroe v. State, Case No. 52916 (Order of Affirmance), July 30, 2010, p 2-5. Thus, they cannot be reasserted in a post-conviction petition. Defendant's petition should be summarily denied on this basis alone.

II. Defendant Did Not Receive Ineffective Assistance of Counsel

A. Standard for Establishing Ineffective Assistance of Counsel

In Nevada, the appropriate vehicle for review of whether counsel was effective is a post-conviction relief proceeding. McKague v. Warden, 112 Nev. 159, 912 P.2d 255, 257 n.4 (1996). Nevada has adopted the standard outlined in Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984). Under Strickland, in order to assert a claim for ineffective: assistance of counsel, the defendant must prove that he was denied "reasonably effective assistance" of counsel by satisfying a two-pronged test. Strickland at 686-687, 104 S.Ct. at 2063-64; see also State v. Love, 109 Nev. 1136, 1138, 865 P.2d 322, 323 (1993). Under this test, the defendant must show (1) trial counsel's representation fell below an objective standard of reasonableness; and (2) counsel's deficient performance prejudiced the defense to such a degree that, but for counsel's ineffectiveness, the results of the case would probably have been different. See Strickland, 466 U.S. at 687-688 and 694, 104 S.Ct. at 2065 and 2068. "Effective counsel does not mean errorless counsel, but rather counsel whose assistance is '[w]ithin the range of competence demanded of attorneys in criminal cases." Jackson v. Warden, Nevada State Prison, 91 Nev. 430, 432, 537 P.2d 473, 474 (1975) (quoting McMann v. Richardson, 397 U.S. 759, 771, 90 S.Ct. 1441, 1449 (1970)). "Surmounting Strickland's high bar is never an easy task." Padilla v. Kentucky, 559 U.S. ----, ----, 130 S.Ct. 1473, 1485 (2010).

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In considering whether trial counsel has met this standard, the court will first determine whether counsel made a "sufficient inquiry into the information . . . pertinent to his client's case." Doleman v State, 112 Nev. 843, 846, 921 P.2d 278, 280 (1996) (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 690-691, 104 S.Ct. at 2066. Once this decision is made, the court will consider whether counsel made "a reasonable strategy decision on how to proceed with his client's case." Doleman, 112 Nev. at 846, 921 P.2d at 280 (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 690-691, 104 S.Ct. at 2066). "There are countless ways to provide effective assistance in any given case." Strickland, 466 U.S., at 689, 104 S.Ct. 2052. courts should not overlook the "wide latitude counsel must have in making tactical decisions;" therefore, there are no "strict rules" for counsel's conduct "[b]eyond the general requirement of reasonableness." Pinholster, 131 S.Ct. at 1406-07 ("No particular set of detailed rules for counsel's conduct can satisfactorily take account of the variety of circumstances faced by defense counsel or the range of legitimate decisions ...") (quoting Strickland, 466 U.S. at 688-89, 104 S.Ct. 2052). Finally, counsel's strategy decisions are "virtually unchallengeable absent extraordinary circumstances." Doleman, 112 Nev. at 846, 921 P.2d at 280; see also Howard v. State, 106 Nev. 713, 722, 800 P.2d 175, 180 (1990); Strickland, 466 U.S. at 691, 104 S.Ct. at 2066.

The Court begins with the presumption of effectiveness and then must determine whether the defendant has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that counsel was ineffective. Means v. State, 120 Nev. 1001, 103 P.3d 35 (2004). Counsel's performance is measured by an objective standard of reasonableness, which takes into consideration prevailing professional norms and the totality of the circumstances. Homick v. State, 112 Nev. 304 310, 913 P.2d 1280, 1285 (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 688), overruled on other grounds by Means v. State, 120 Nev. 1001, 103 P.3d 25 (2004). "The question is whether an attorney's representation amounted to incompetence under 'prevailing professional norms,' not whether it deviated from best practices or most common custom." Harrington v. Richter, 131 S.Ct. 770, 788 (2011) (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 690). The role of a court in considering allegations of ineffective assistance of counsel is "not to pass upon the merits of

the action not taken but to determine whether, under the particular facts and circumstances of the case, trial counsel failed to render reasonably effective assistance." <u>Donovan v. State</u>, 94 Nev. 671, 675, 584 P.2d 708, 711 (1978) (citing Cooper v. Fitzharris, 551 F.2d 1162, 1166 (9th Cir. 1977)). This analysis does not indicate the court should "second guess reasoned choices between trial tactics, nor does it mean that defense counsel, to protect himself against allegations of inadequacy, must make every conceivable motion no matter how remote the possibilities are of success." <u>Donovan</u>, 94 Nev. at 675, 584 P.2d at 711 (citing Cooper, 551 F.2d at 1166 (9th Cir. 1977)). "Just as there is no expectation that competent counsel will be a flawless strategist or tactician, an attorney may not be faulted for a reasonable miscalculation or lack of foresight or for failing to prepare for what appear to be remote possibilities." <u>Harrington</u>, 131 S.Ct. at 791. In essence, the court must "judge the reasonableness of counsel's challenged conduct on the facts of the particular case, viewed as of the time of counsel's conduct." <u>Strickland</u>, 466 U.S. at 690, 104 S.Ct. at 2066.

The Sixth Amendment does not require defense attorneys to make frivolous motions or take other futile action. See Ennis v. State, 122 Nev. 694, 137 P.3d 1095 (2006); Kimmelman v. Morrison, 477 U.S. 365, 375, 106 S.Ct. 2574, 2583 (1986); Ceja v. Stewart, 97 F.3d 1246, 1253 (9th Cir. 1996) (citing Lowry v. Lewis, 21 F.3d 344, 346 (9th Cir. 1994), cert. denied, 513 U.S. 1001, 115 S.Ct. 513 (1994). Indeed, "a defense attorney has an obligation not to bring frivolous motions." Rodriguez v. Young, 708 F.Supp. 971, 982 (E.D. Wisc. 1989), affd, 906 F.2d 1153 (7th Cir. 1990), cert. denied, 498 U.S. 1035, 111 S.Ct. 698 (1991). Where a defendant faults trial counsel for not asserting a motion or objection, he must demonstrate that it would have been successful, otherwise he fails to establish Strickland prejudice. See, e.g., Ebert v. Gaetz, 610 F.3d 404, 415 (7th Cir. 2010) ("Ebert [] cannot demonstrate that a motion to suppress would have been meritorious, a requisite for a successful ineffective assistance of counsel claim ...regardless of the deficiency of counsel's performance." (citing Kimmelman v. Morrison, 477 U.S. 365, 382, 106 S.Ct. 2574, 2587-2588 (1986)).

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Effectiveness of appellate counsel is also addressed under the Strickland standard. Foster v. State, 121 Nev. 165, 111 P.3d 1083 (2005). "[I]n order to establish prejudice based on deficient assistance of appellate counsel, the petitioner must show that the omitted issue would have had a reasonable probability of success on appeal. Id. at 170, 111 P.3d at 1087 (citing Lara v. State, 120 Nev. 177, 183-84, 87 P.3d 528, 532 (2004)). "Appellate counsel is not required to raise every non-frivolous or meritless issue to provide effective assistance." Id. (quoting Lara, 120 Nev. at 184, 87 P.3d at 532). "Appellate counsel is entitled to make tactical decisions to limit the scope of an appeal to issues that counsel feels have the highest probability of success." Id. Effective appellate advocacy is not coextensive with a litigation approach that raises every single colorable appellate issue. Ford v. State, 105 Nev. 850, 853 (1989) (citing Jones v. Barnes, 463 U.S. 745, 752, 103 S.Ct. 3308, 3313 (1983)).

Even if a defendant can demonstrate that his counsel's representation fell below an objective standard of reasonableness, he must still demonstrate prejudice and show a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, the result of the trial would have been different. McNelton v. State, 115 Nev. 396, 403, 990 P.2d 1263, 1268 (1999) (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 687.) "A reasonable probability is a probability sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome." Id. To prevail on a claim relating to appellate counsel, a defendant must show that but for counsel's deficient performance, he would have prevailed on appeal. Smith v. Robbins, 528 U.S. 259, 286, 120 S.Ct. 746, 145 L.Ed.2d 756 (2000). Furthermore, claims asserted in a petition for post-conviction relief must be supported with specific factual allegations, which if true, would entitle the petitioner to relief. Hargrove v. State, 100 Nev. 498, 502, 686 P.2d 222, 225 (1984). "Bare" and "naked" allegations are not sufficient, nor are those belied and repelled by the record. Id. The State will address Defendant's specific allegations of ineffectiveness individually below.

B. Defendant Has Failed to Demonstrate a Prima Facie Entitlement to Relief Under Strickland

Defendant's incoherent allegation of a vast but completely unclear conspiracy to frame him and use fake search warrants is not sufficient to state a claim under <u>Strickland</u>.

See, e.g., Arnold v. Parker, 2011 WL 766565 at 7 (E.D. Tenn. 2011) ("The claim that the judges, the prosecutor, and all of petitioner's lawyers played a role in a 'frame-up' conspiracy to railroad him has no specific factual details to buttress it. A claim which lacks any factual support is conclusory, and it is well settled that conclusory claims fail to state a claim for relief..."); Morgan v. Marshall, 2010 WL 4313767 at 8 (C.D. Cal. 2010). ("Petitioner fails to offer any substantiated evidence about this 'grand conspiracy' in either his state habeas petition or in the FAP...Since there is no evidence to substantiate Petitioner's claims, he fails to show either deficient performance of counsel or that he suffered prejudice as a result of his counsel's failure to question this witness about a 'grand conspiracy."); Alexander/Ryahim v. Norris, 2008 WL 150373 at 4 (E.D. Ark. 2008). Defendant fails to explain how this nonspecific conspiracy would tend to invalidate the search warrants, thus his claim should be summarily denied. Defendant's allegations are sufficiently incoherent, nonspecific, and utterly fantastic that they are properly denied without an evidentiary hearing or any other further inquiry. Hargrove, 100 Nev. at 502, 686 P.2d at 225 (1984).

Additionally, Defendant's Ground 2, which alleges ineffective assistance of counsel, appears primarily concerned with how his trial counsel handled the search and seizure issue. The record is clear that trial counsel did litigate this issue extensively, although ultimately without success. It is up to trial counsel, not a defendant, to determine how to handle the specific litigation choices involving such an issue. Rhyne v. State, 118 Nev. 1, 8, 38 P.3d 163, 167-168 (2002) (client makes decision on ultimate issues but legal tactics are committed to attorney's discretion). Similarly, it was appellate counsel's election as to how to present the search warrant and traffic stop issues on appeal. Id. Additionally, Defendant cannot state a prima facie claim of prejudice under Strickland's second prong because there is no reasonable likelihood of a better outcome at trial had trial counsel presented Defendant's rambling, incoherent theory about a systemic conspiracy to frame him.

Defendant's Grounds 3 and 4 similarly fail at a prima facie level because the alleged misconduct and unfairness in Defendant's trial should have been raised on appeal. Failure to

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 06-C-228752-1 DEPARTMENT NO. XX

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS (POST-CONVICTION)

Defendant.

This matter having come before the Court without oral argument, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, finds:

- (1) This matter comes before the Court on the Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction).
- (2) The Defendant was found guilty by a jury of 27 felony counts, and on October 1, 2008, was sentenced to multiple life sentences under Nevada's large habitual criminal statute. Judgment of Conviction was filed on November 4, 2008. The Defendant filed a timely Notice of Appeal on November 19, 2008. The Defendant's appeal was granted in part (as to Count 11) and denied in part (as to the remaining counts) by Order dated July 30, 2010, and remittitur was issued on August 30, 2010.
- (3) The instant Petition was originally filed on July 7, 2011, and was calendared for oral argument before this Court on January 5, 2012. However, on

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December 15, 2011, the Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal. On January 19, 2012, this Court denied the Defendant's Petition without prejudice because the Court believed that it lacked jurisdiction over the case by virtue of the December 15, 2011 Notice of Appeal which vested jurisdiction before the Nevada Supreme Court. This Court entered an Order to this effect on February 14, 2012.

- (4)On January 26, 2012, the Nevada Supreme Court dismissed the Defendant's appeal for lack of jurisdiction, and remittitur was issued February 21, 2012. Thereafter, the Defendant filed various motions with this Court addressing such things as the return of some property seized from him, but never re-filed his Petition or sought to have it re-calendared before this Court after the Appeal was dismissed. On March 29, 2013, on its own initiative, the State filed a Motion noting that this Court had never addressed the merits of the Defendant's Petition, and even though the Defendant had not technically re-filed his Petition with this Court, the State believed that the Court should entertain the merits of the Petition. After receiving and considering the State's Motion, the Court re-calendared the Defendant's Petition for hearing and appointed attorney Michael Schwartz to represent the Defendant in connection with his Petition. On March 18, 2014, after reviewing the trial transcript and case file, Mr. Schwartz represented that he did not believe that supplemental briefing was necessary and submitted the matter for the Court's review based upon the Defendant's initial Petition. The Court took the matter under advisement and now issues this Order.
- (5) The Defendant's Petition asserts four grounds for review. First, the Defendant asserts that incriminating evidence was uncovered by the police during an illegal search unsupported by a proper search warrant. Second, the Defendant avers that trial counsel was ineffective for failing to challenge the legality of the police search. Third, the Defendant avers that he was the victim of a conspiracy between the police, the district attorney, the judge, the FBI, and his own attorney to belatedly manufacture false search warrants to justify the illegal search that resulted in the

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evidence against him. Fourth, the Defendant avers that his counsel was ineffective for failing to challenge the conspiracy against him and that he was thus deprived of a fair trial.

- (6) In Nevada, the appropriate vehicle for review of whether counsel was effective is a post-conviction relief proceeding. *E.g.*, *McKague v. Warden*, 112 Nev. 159 (1996).
- (7)In reviewing an application for such post-conviction relief, Nevada has adopted the standard outlined by the United States Supreme Court in Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984), under which the Defendant must prove that he was denied "reasonably effective assistance" of counsel by satisfying a two-pronged test. Strickland, 466 U.S. at 686-687, 104 S.Ct. at 2063-64; see also State v. Love, 109 Nev. 1136, 1138 (1993). To warrant relief, the Defendant must show (1) trial counsel's representation fell below an objective standard of reasonableness; and (2) counsel's deficient performance prejudiced the defense to such a degree that, but for counsel's ineffectiveness, the results of the case would probably have been different. See, Strickland, 466 U.S. at 687-688 and 694, 104 S.Ct. at 2065 and 2068. "Effective counsel does not mean errorless counsel, but rather counsel whose assistance is '[w]ithin the range of competence demanded of attorneys in criminal cases." Jackson v. Warden, Nevada State Prison, 91 Nev. 430, 432 (1975) (quoting McMann v. Richardson, 397 U.S. 759, 771, 90 S.Ct. 1441, 1449 (1970)). "Surmounting Strickland's high bar is never an easy task." Padilla v. Kentucky, 559 U.S., ---, 130 S.Ct. 1473, 1485 (2010).
- (8) This Court begins with the presumption that counsel was effective, and the Defendant bears the burden of demonstrating by a preponderance of the evidence that counsel was ineffective. *Means v. State*, 120 Nev. 1001 (2004). Counsel's performance is measured by an objective standard of reasonableness, which takes into consideration prevailing professional norms and the totality of the circumstances. *Homick v. State*, 112 Nev. 304 310, overruled on other grounds by Means v. State, 120

Nev. 1001 (2004). "The question is whether an attorney's representation amounted to incompetence under 'prevailing professional norms,' not whether it deviated from best practices or most common custom." Harrington v. Richter, 131 S.Ct. 770, 788 (2011). The Court must consider whether counsel made "a reasonable strategy decision on how to proceed with his client's case," recognizing the "wide latitude counsel must have in making tactical decisions." Doleman v. State, 112 Nev. 843, 846 (1996). Thus, trial counsel's strategic decisions are "virtually unchallengeable absent extraordinary circumstances." Doleman, 112 Nev. at 846; see also Howard v. State, 106 Nev. 713, 722 (1990); Strickland, 466 U.S. at 691, 104 S.Ct. at 2066. The Court should not "second guess reasoned choices between trial tactics, nor does it mean that defense counsel, to protect himself against allegations of inadequacy, must make every conceivable motion no matter how remote the possibilities are of success." Donovan, 94 Nev. at 675, 584 P.2d at 711. "Just as there is no expectation that competent counsel will be a flawless strategist or tactician, an attorney may not be faulted for a reasonable miscalculation or lack of foresight or for failing to prepare for what appear to be remote possibilities." Harrington, 131 S.Ct. at 791. Thus, counsel is not required to make frivolous motions or pursue tactics that are futile. E.g., Ennis v. State, 122 Nev. 694 (2006); Kimmelman v. Morrison, 477 U.S. 365, 375, 106 S.Ct. 2574, 2583 (1986); Ceia v. Stewart, 97 F.3d 1246, 1253 (9th Cir. 1996). To the contrary, "a defense attorney has an obligation not to bring frivolous motions." Rodriguez v. Young, 708 F.Supp. 971, 982 (E.D.Wisc. 1989), affd, 906 F.2d 1153 (7th Cir. 1990). Therefore, where a defendant faults trial counsel for not asserting a particular motion or objection, he must demonstrate that the motion or objection would have been successful in order to establish prejudice. See, e.g., Ebert v. Gaetz, 610 F.3d 404, 415 (7th Cir. 2010) (defendant must "demonstrate that a motion to suppress would have been meritorious, a requisite for a successful ineffective assistance of counsel claim...regardless of the deficiency of counsel's performance." (citing Kimmelman v. Morrison, 477 U.S. 365, 28[[382, 106 S.Ct. 2574, 2587-2588 (1986)].

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- (9) Furthermore, even if a defendant can demonstrate that his counsel's representation fell below an objective standard of reasonableness, he must still demonstrate "prejudice" which means a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, the result of the trial would have been different. *McNelton v. State*, 115 Nev. 396, 403 (1999). "A reasonable probability is a probability sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome." *Id.* Finally, claims asserted in a petition for post-conviction relief must be supported with specific factual allegations, which if true, would entitle the petitioner to relief. *Hargrove v. State*, 100 Nev. 498, 502 (1984). "Bare" and "naked" allegations are not sufficient, nor are those belied and repelled by the record. *Id.*
- barred from review because they have already been decided by the Nevada Supreme Court on direct appeal in its Order of Affirmance dated July 30, 2010 (Case No. 52916). Where an issue has already been decided on the merits by the Nevada Supreme Court, the Supreme Court's ruling constitutes "law of the case" and the same issue cannot be re-litigated before this Court even if presented in more detail or with additional arguments. *Pellegrini v. State*, 117 Nev. 860, 884 (2001); *see also McNelton v. State*, 115 Nev. 396 (1999); *Hall v. State*, 91 Nev. 314, 315-16 (1975); *Valerio v. State*, 112 Nev. 383, 386 (1996); *Hogan v. Warden*, 109 Nev. 952 (1993).
- (11) The Defendant's third and fourth grounds allege that he was the victim of a vast conspiracy involving the police, the district attorney, multiple defense attorneys, and the FBI to manufacture a false search warrant justifying an illegal police search that uncovered incriminating evidence against him, and his trial counsel failed to challenge the existence of this conspiracy at trial. While it might be logically true that an attorney who fails to challenge a vast criminal conspiracy against his client (or who even participated in this vast criminal enterprise, as the Defendant appears to suggest) might be ineffective, in this case the Defendant's Petition includes no facts or even specific allegations tending to show that such a conspiracy existed. A bare or naked

claim of an overarching conspiracy that is unsupported by specific factual allegations is insufficient to warrant post-conviction relief. *E.g.*, *Hargrove v. State*, 100 Nev. 498, 502 (1984). *See also*, *Arnold v. Parker*, 2011 WL 766565 at 7 (E.D. Tenn. 2011) ("The claim that the judges, the prosecutor, and all of petitioner's lawyers played a role in a 'frame-up' conspiracy to railroad him has no specific factual details to buttress it. A claim which lacks any factual support is conclusory, and it is well settled that conclusory claims fail to state a claim for relief.."); *Morgan v. Marshall*, 2010 WL 4313767 at 8 (C.D. Cal. 2010) ("Petitioner fails to offer any substantiated evidence about this 'grand conspiracy' in either his state habeas petition or in the FAP. . . Since there is no evidence to substantiate Petitioner's claims, he fails to show either deficient performance of counsel or that he suffered prejudice as a result of his counsel's failure to question this witness about a 'grand conspiracy'").

(12) For the foregoing reasons, the Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is DENIED.

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DAIMON MONROE,

Petitioner,

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Case No: 06C228752-1

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

Respondent,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 20, 2014, the court entered a decision or order in this matter, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this notice.

You may appeal to the Supreme Court from the decision or order of this court. If you wish to appeal, you must file a notice of appeal with the clerk of this court within thirty-three (33) days after the date this notice is mailed to you. This notice was mailed on May 27; 2014.

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NOAS MICHAEL H. SCHWARZ, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 5126 626 S. 7th Street, Ste. 1 CLERK OF THE COURT Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 598-3909 DISTRICT COURT 5 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA б CASE NO: 06-C-228752-I THE STATE OF NEVADA, 7 DEPT. NO: XX8 Petitioner. 9 VS. 10 DAIMON MONROE. 11 12 Respondent. 13 AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL 14 THE HONORABLE JEROME T. TAU, EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, IN THE. TO: 15 STATE OF NEVADA: 16 STEVE B. WOLFSON, CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, STATE OF NEVADA; TO: 17 YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that DAIMON MONROE, the 18 Petitioner in the above-entitled action, intends to appeal; and that he does hereby appeal to the Nevada 19 Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Clark, from the judgment of the above-20 entitled Court, denying the Petitioner's Post Conviction Relief, signed and filed on the 05th day of May, 21 2014, and the Notice of Entry of Order having been file stamped on the 27th day of June, 2014. The 22

This appeal is taken from the whole of the judgement and every part thereof.

This appeal is taken from questions of both law and fact.

Petitioner, exercising an abundance of caution, now files his Notice of Appeal.

DATED THIS 4th day of June, 2014.

MICHAEL H. SCHWARZ, ESQ.