

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

**INDICATE FULL CAPTION:**

BRANDON JEFFERSON,  
APPELLANT,

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
RESPONDENT.

No. 70732

**DOCKETING STATEMENT  
CRIMINAL APPEALS**

(Including appeals from pretrial and post-conviction  
rulings and other requests for post-conviction relief)

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

**WARNING**

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions.

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1. Judicial District Eighth County Clark

Judge Kerry Earley District Ct. Case No. C-10-268351-1

2. If the defendant was given a sentence,

(a) what is the sentence?

See attached.

(b) has the sentence been stayed pending appeal?

No.

(c) was defendant admitted to bail pending appeal?

No.

3. Was counsel in the district court appointed  or retained  ?

4. **Attorney filling this docketing statement:**

Attorney Matthew Lay Telephone (702) 383-3200

Firm Nguyen & Lay

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Client(s) Brandon Jefferson

5. Is appellate counsel appointed  or retained  ?

**If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add the names and addresses of other counsel on an additional sheet accompanied by a certification that they concur in the filing of this statement.**

**6. Attorney(s) representing respondent(s):**

Attorney Steven B. Wolfson Telephone (702) 671-2500

Firm Clark County District Attorney

Address: 200 Lewis Avenue  
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Client(s) The State of Nevada

Attorney Adam Paul Laxalt Telephone (775)

Firm Nevada Attorney General

Address: 100 North Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Client(s) The State of Nevada

(List additional counsel on separate sheet if necessary)

**7. Nature of disposition below:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment after bench trial            | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of pretrial habeas                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment after jury verdict           | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of motion to suppress evidence             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment upon guilty plea             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post-conviction habeas (NRS ch. 34)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of pretrial motion to dismiss   | <input type="checkbox"/> grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> denial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parole/probation revocation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other disposition (specify):                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motion for new trial                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motion to withdraw guilty plea        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial |   |

**8. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> death sentence           | <input type="checkbox"/> juvenile offender    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> life sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> pretrial proceedings |

**9. Expedited appeals:** The court may decide to expedite the appellate process in this matter. Are you in favor of proceeding in such manner?

- Yes       No

**10. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.** List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal (e.g., separate appeals by co-defendants, appeal after post-conviction proceedings):

.Jefferson (Brandon) vs. State, 62120.

**11. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts.** List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts that are related to this appeal (e.g., habeas corpus proceedings in state or federal court, bifurcated proceedings against co-defendants):

N/A.

**12. Nature of action.** Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

Mr. Jefferson was convicted of four (4) counts, including one (1) count of Lewdness with a Minor under 14, and three (3) counts of Sexual Assault Victim under 14 following an eight (8) day jury trial.

Mr. Jefferson's conviction and sentence were affirmed by this court in docket number 62120. Mr. Jefferson timely filed a post-conviction petition for writ of habeas corpus, and supplemental petition through the undersigned, which the district court denied without an evidentiary hearing.

13. **Issues on appeal.** State specifically all issues in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):

The district court erred by dismissing Mr. Jefferson's post-conviction petition for writ of habeas corpus.

14. **Constitutional issues:** If the State is not a party and if this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute or municipal ordinance, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

N/A

Yes

No

If not, explain:

**15. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court.** Briefly set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance:

NRAP 17(b)(1) provides that all post-conviction appeals except those in cases that involve a conviction for any offenses that are a category A felony are presumptively assigned to the Court of Appeals.

This matter is presumptively retained by the Nevada Supreme Court, because Mr. Jefferson was sentenced to several life sentences.

**16. Issues of first impression or of public interest.** Does this appeal present a substantial legal issue of first impression in this jurisdiction or one affecting an important public interest?

First impression:  Yes  No

Public interest:  Yes  No

**17. Length of trial.** If this action proceeded to trial or evidentiary hearing in the district court, how many days did the trial or evidentiary hearing last?

8 days

**18. Oral argument.** Would you object to submission of this appeal for disposition without oral argument?

Yes  No

**TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL**

19. Date district court announced decision, sentence or order appealed from May 5, 2016

20. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from Aug 4, 2016

(a) If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

21. If this appeal is from an order granting or denying a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, indicate the date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served by the district court

(a) Was service by delivery  or by mail

22. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post judgment motion,

(a) Specify the type of motion, and the date of filing of the motion:

Arrest judgment \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_

New trial (newly discovered evidence) \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_

New trial (other grounds) \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Date of entry of written order resolving motion \_\_\_\_\_

23. Date notice of appeal filed Sep 2, 2016

24. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(b), NRS 34.560, NRS 34.575, NRS 177.015(2), or other

34.575.

**SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY**

25. Specify statute, rule or other authority that grants this court jurisdiction to review from:

NRS 177.015(1)(b) \_\_\_\_\_ NRS 34.560 \_\_\_\_\_

NRS 177.015(1)(c) \_\_\_\_\_ NRS 34.575(1) 34.575(1).

NRS 177.015(2) \_\_\_\_\_ NRS 34.560(2) \_\_\_\_\_

NRS 177.015(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

NRS 177.055 \_\_\_\_\_

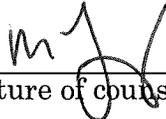
**VERIFICATION**

**I certify that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**

Brandon Jefferson  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of appellant

Matthew Lay  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of counsel of record

Oct 25, 2016  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of counsel of record

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 10/26 day of 20 16, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all counsel of record:

By personally serving it upon him/her; or

By mailing it by first class mail with sufficient postage prepaid to the following address(es):

Steven B. Wolfson  
200 Lewis Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Adam Paul Laxalt  
100 N. Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dated this 26 day of October, 2016.

  
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Signature

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ATTACHEMENT

**2. If the defendant was given a sentence,  
(a) what is the sentence?**

COURT ORDERED, in addition to the \$25.00 Administrative Assessment fee, Restitution \$7,427.20 (\$4,480 to Victims of Crime, \$1,000 to DA Victim Witness, and \$1,947.20 to Clark County Social Services) as to Count 1 and \$150.00 DNA Analysis fee including testing to determine genetic markers, Deft. SENTENCED to COUNT 1 - a term of LIFE with the possibility of parole after a minimum of THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS has been served; COUNT 4 - a term of LIFE with the possibility of parole after a minimum of TEN (10) YEARS has been served to run CONCURRENT with Count 1; COUNT 9 - a term of LIFE with the possibility of parole after a minimum of THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS has been served to run CONSECUTIVE to Counts 1 and 4; COUNT 10 - a term of LIFE with the possibility of parole after a minimum of THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS has been served to run CONCURRENT with Counts 1, 4, and 9; with 769 DAYS credit for time served.