on January 4, 2018 and a Notice of Entry of Order was filed on January 9, 2018. This timely Notice of Appeal follows.

DATED on the 25th day of January, 2018.

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/S/ Bret O. Whipple, Esq. BRET O. WHIPPLE, ESQ. BAR NO. 6168

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Gerardo Perez, Plaintiff(s) vs. Brian Williams, Defendant(s)

01/04/2018

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Whipple, Bret O

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Defendant Williams, Brian

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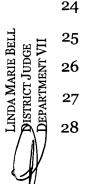
DECISION AND ORDER

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Therefore, as Mr. Perez's offense date was before July 1, 2007, the Court next determines whether Mr. Perez would be entitled to good time credit deductions from his parole eligibility date under NRS 209.4465. As Mr. Perez was sentenced under statutes with specified parole eligibility dates, the <u>Williams</u> decision is inapplicable. Consequently, this Court therefore denies Mr. Perez's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

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DATED this day of December 28, 2017.

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AFFIRMATION

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding <u>Decision and Order</u> filed in District Court case number <u>A753832</u> **DOES NOT** contain the social security number of any person.

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/s/ Amanda Hampton

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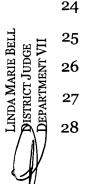
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- No parties present

Plaintiff is challenging the computation of time by the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC). He was convicted of a category A felony with an offense date in 2003 and is not entitled to credits off of his minimum sentence pursuant to NRS 209.4465(7)(b). Additionally, there is no due process or ex-post facto issue as the statute was in place at the time he was convicted and similarly situated inmates are treated the same under the statute. He is not entitled to work credits for work not performed and because he has been before the parole board, there is no additional relief this court may grant. COURT ORDERED, petition DENIED.

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

BRET O. WHIPPLE, ESQ. 1100 S. TENTH ST. LAS VEGAS, NV 89104

DATE: January 29, 2018 CASE: A-17-753832-W

RE CASE: GERARDO PEREZ vs. BRIAN WILLIAMS, WARDEN HDSP

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: January 25, 2018

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

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	Case Appeal Statement - NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
	Order
	Notice of Entry of Order

NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

"The district court clerk must file appellant's notice of appeal despite perceived deficiencies in the notice, including the failure to pay the district court or Supreme Court filing fee. The district court clerk shall apprise appellant of the deficiencies in writing, and shall transmit the notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in accordance with subdivision (e) of this Rule with a notation to the clerk of the Supreme Court setting forth the deficiencies. Despite any deficiencies in the notice of appeal, the clerk of the Supreme Court shall docket the appeal in accordance with Rule 12."

Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

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Certification of Copy

State of Nevada	٦	cc.
County of Clark	}	SS:

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; DECISION AND ORDER; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

GERARDO PEREZ,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, WARDEN HDSP,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-17-753832-W

Dept No: VII

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 29 day of January 2018.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk