



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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Elizabeth A. Brown
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CHRISTOPHER BLOCKSON,

No. 78731

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

**DOCKETING STATEMENT
CRIMINAL APPEALS**

(Including pretrial and post-conviction
habeas corpus and petitions for post-
conviction relief)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Judicial District Eighth County Clark
Judge Jerry A. Weise District Ct. Docket No. C-18-336552-1

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

Count 1: Cruelty to Animals, a Category D Felony with a maximum of 48 months and a minimum parole eligibility of 19 months

Count 2: Ownership or Possession of Firearm by a Prohibited person, Category B Felony, with a minimum of 28 months and a maximum of 72 months, to run consecutively to count 1 with 74 days credit for time served;

Count 3: Discharge of Firearm from or within a structure or vehicle, a Category B Felony - Dismissed.

Aggregate total sentence is 120 months maximum with a minimum of 47 months.

(b) has the sentence been stayed pending appeal? No.

(c) was defendant admitted to bail pending appeal? No.

3. Was counsel in district court appointed XX or retained _____?

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

Attorney Jason C. Makris, Esq. Telephone 702-793-4023

Firm Makris Legal Services, LLC

Address 400 S. Fourth Street, Suite 500, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Client(s) Appellant Christopher Blockson

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.

5. Is appellate counsel appointed X or retained ?

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

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(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judgment upon guilty plea	<input type="checkbox"/> Post-conviction relief (NRS ch. 177)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant of pretrial motion to dismiss	<input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial
<input type="checkbox"/> Parole/Probation revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Post-conviction habeas (NRS ch. 34)
<input type="checkbox"/> Motion for new trial	<input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial
<input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial	<input type="checkbox"/> Other disposition (specify) <u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Motion to withdraw guilty plea	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial	<u> </u>

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

<input type="checkbox"/> death sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> juvenile offender
<input 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 XX 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): N/A

11. **Pending and prior proceedings in other courts.** List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which 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:

Appellant Christopher Blockson was charged via Criminal Complaint on several counts, including Cruelty to Animal, a Category D Felony under NRS 574.100.1a; Ownership or Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, a Category B felony under NRS 202.360; and Discharging a Firearm From Or Within a Structure or Vehickle, a category B Felony uneder NRS 202.287. Subsequently a negotiation was reached, and Appellant waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound up on all counts to the District Court. Thereafter, the Guilty Plea Agreement was entered in the district court resulting in dismissal of count three and that the State would not seek habitual treatment.

On April 16, 2019, Appellant was sentenced and the Judgment of Conviction was entered on April 22, 2019. On May 2, 2019, A Notice of Appeal was filed and the Case Appeal Statement was subsequently filed on May 06, 2019.

13. **Issues on appeal.** State specifically all issue(s) in this appeal:

Appellate Counsel was not plea counsel below and is unable, at this time, to determine the issues which are to be raised by this appeal.

14. **Constitutional issues.** If the States 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 with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

N/A _____ Yes _____ No XX _____ Unknown at this time.
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 jurisdiction is presumptively with the Nevada Court of Appeals where the Appellant seeks to challenge a judgment of conviction based upon a plea of guilty. Here, Appellant entered a plea of guilty in the justice court, and was thus sentenced under that plea deal. Therefore jurisdiction is presumptively with the Nevada Court of Appeals.

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 XX _____
Public interest: Yes _____ No XX _____

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

_____ days.

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

Yes _____ No **XX**

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

19. Date district court announced decision, sentence or order appealed from Appellant was sentenced on April 16, 2019 and the Judgment of Conviction was filed on April 22, 2019.

20. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from April 22, 2019

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

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 N/A

(a) Was service by delivery or by mail N/A (specify).

22. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion: N/A

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

Arrest judgment	<u>N/A</u>	Date filed	<u>N/A</u>
New trial	<u>N/A</u>	Date filed	<u>N/A</u>
(newly discovered evidence)			
New trial	<u>N/A</u>	Date filed	<u>N/A</u>
(other grounds)			

(b) Date of entry of written order resolving motion N/A

23. Date notice of appeal filed May 02, 2019

24. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(b), NRS 34.710, NRS 34.815, NRS 177.015(2), or other NRAP 4(b) (1), NRS 177.015(3)

SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

25. Specify statute, rule or other authority which grants this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:

NRS 177.015(1) (b)	<u></u>	NRS 34.710(3)	<u></u>
NRS 177.015(2)	<u></u>	NRS 34.710(4)	<u></u>
NRS 177.055	<u></u>	NRS 34.815	<u></u>
NRS 177.385	<u></u>	NRS 177.015(3)	<u>XX</u>

VERIFICATION

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

Christopher Blockson
Name of appellant

Jason C. Makris, Esq.
Name of counsel or record

July 22, 2019
Date

/s/ Jason C. Makris
Signature of counsel of record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

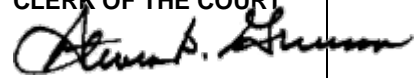
I hereby certify that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 22nd day of July, 2019. Electronic Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

AARON FORED, ESQ.
STEVEN WOLFSON, ESQ.
CAESER ALMASE, ESQ

I further certify that I served a copy of this document by mailing a true and correct copy thereof, postage pre-paid, addressed to:

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BY /s/ Jason C. Makris
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S.C. APPEAL NO.: 78731

D.C. CASE NO.: C-18-336552-1

D.C. DEPT NO.: 30

APPELLANT'S REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPTS

TO: Kimberly Farkas,
Court Reporter,
District Court Dept. 30
kimrcs@cox.net; kimfarkas713cox.net

Appellant hereby requests preparation, at State's expense, transcripts of the proceedings before the District Court as follows:

Judge or officer hearing the proceedings: District Court Judge Jerry A. Wiese, Department 30.

Specific dates of proceedings for which transcripts are being requested: 4/9/2019, 4/16/2019, 5/23/2019.

Portions of the transcript(s) requested: (4/9/2019, 4/16/2019, 5/23/2019 - Kimberly Farkas) - Any and all proceedings, all transcripts to include word index.

Number of copies required: Two (2).

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1 This notice requests a transcript of only those portions of the District Court proceedings
2 which counsel reasonably and in good faith believes are necessary to determine whether
3 appellate issues are present. *Voir dire* examination of jurors, opening statements and closing
4 arguments of trial counsel and the reading of jury instructions shall not be transcribed unless
5 specifically requested above.

6 I recognize that I must personally serve a copy of this form on the above-named court
7 reporter and opposing counsel, and that the above-named court reporter shall have thirty (30)
8 days from service of this notice to prepare an original and file with the District Court Clerk the
9 original transcript(s) requested herein.

10 Further, pursuant to NRAP 9(c)(1)(A), the court reporter shall also deliver certified
11 copies of the transcript to appellant's counsel and respondent's counsel no more than thirty (30)
12 days after the date of the appellant's request.

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14 **DATED** this 22nd day of July, 2019.

15 Respectfully submitted,

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC FILING**

2 I hereby certify that on the 22nd day of July, 2019, I electronically served a true and correct
3 copy of the foregoing **APPELLANT'S REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPTS** upon the parties to this
4 action:

5 [X] Via Electronic Service to the Eighth Judicial District Court, Wiznet E-file Service as
6 follows:

7 **STEVEN B. WOLFSON, ESQ.**
8 CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
9 Clark County District Attorney's Office
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10 Kimberly Farkas, Court Reporter,
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kimrcs@cox.net; kimfarkas713cox.net

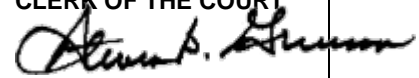
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20 **DATED** this 22nd day of July, 2019.

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18 Defendant.

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D.C. CASE NO.: C-18-336552-1

D.C. DEPT NO.: Lower Level

Arraignment (LLA)

19 **APPELLANT'S REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPTS**

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21 Sandra Pruchnic,
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22 Appellant hereby requests preparation, at State's expense, of a transcript of the
23 proceedings before the District Court as follows:

24 **Judge or officer hearing the proceedings:** District Court Judge Susan Johnson, RJC
25 Lower Level Arraignment.

26 **Specific dates of proceedings for which transcripts are being requested:** 12/10/2018,
27 12/21/2018.

28 **Portions of the transcript(s) requested:** (12/10/2018 - Trisha Garcia) - Any and all
proceedings, all transcripts to include word index; (12/21/2018 - Sandra Pruchnic) - Any and
all proceedings, all transcripts to include word index.

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DATED this 22nd day of July, 2019.

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