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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK;)
AND THE HONORABLE MONICA)
TRUJILLO, DISTRICT JUDGE,)
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Respondents,)
and)
BRANDON ALEXANDER MCGUIRE,)
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I. Routing Statement

This matter is neither presumptively assigned to the Nevada Supreme Court nor to the Nevada Court of Appeals, pursuant to Rule 17 of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure (NRAP).

II. Relief Requested

The State requests this Court correct the trial court's arbitrary and capricious decision to strike the victim from testifying in this case and vacating the district court's order.

III. <u>Issue Presented</u>

Whether the district court arbitrarily and capriciously abused its discretion

when it granted the defense's motion to strike the victim from testifying because no specific address of the victim was filed.

IV. Statement of Facts and Procedural History

Real Party in Interest Brandon McGuire ("Defendant McGuire") is scheduled for jury trial on July 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Defendant McGuire is charged with two counts of Sexual Assault with Use of a Deadly Weapon for acts that occurred on or about March 11, 2004. In the Indictment, the victim, Evelyn Hicks, was listed as a witness "c/o CCDA, 200 Lewis Avenue, LV, NV 89101.

There was lengthy pre-trial litigation in this case. Among the things that Defendant McGuire filed on March 26, 2020, was a Motion to Compel Compliance with NRS 174.234. Although all trial were halted at the time due to the Covid-19 pandemic and Administrative Order 20-01, the State did reply that the statute requires providing a last known address not less than 5 judicial days before trial.

Defendant McGuire's case was continued throughout the pandemic until his recent trial setting. On July 19, 2021, the parties announced ready at a calendar call to proceed to trial. On July 21, 2021, at the Central Calendar Call, it was announced that trial would commence on July 27, 2021. Following the Central Calendar Call, Defendant McGuire filed a Motion to Strike Witnesses for Failure to Comply with NRS 174.234. On the same day, the State responded to the Motion and filed its own affidavit from its investigator about the efforts that were taken to locate the victim

so that she could testify at trial. Included in the investigator's affidavit is a pronouncement that to date, she still is not sure that the victim has an address or residence. PA 31-31.

On July 26, 2021, the district court heard arguments regarding Defendant McGuire's Motion to Strike Witnesses. Despite the State's position that it still has no address for the victim, the district court agreed to have her testimony stricken because she was not properly noticed.

V. Argument

a. Standard of Review

Standard for Prohibition

Nevada Revised Statute 34.320 states:

The writ of prohibition is the counterpart of the writ of mandate. It arrests the proceedings of any tribunal, corporation, board or person from exercising judicial functions, when such proceedings are without or in excess of the jurisdiction of such tribunal, corporation, board or person.

A writ of prohibition does not serve to correct errors; its purpose is to prevent courts from transcending the limits of their jurisdiction in the exercise of judicial but not ministerial power. Olsen Family Trust v. District Court, 110 Nev. 548, 551, 874 P.2d 778, 780 (1994); Low v. Crown Point Mining Co., 2 Nev. 75 (1866). However, "a writ of prohibition must issue when there is an act to be 'arrested' which is 'without or in excess of the jurisdiction' of the trial judge." Houston Gen. Ins. Co.

v. District Court, 94 Nev. 247, 248, 78 P.2d 750, 751 (1978); Ham v. Eighth Judicial
District Court, 93 Nev. 409, 412, 566 P.2d 420, 422 (1977); see also, Goicoechea v.
District Court, 96 Nev. 287, 607 P.2d 1140 (1980); Cunningham v. District Court,
102 Nev. 551, 729 P.2d 1328 (1986).

The object of a writ of prohibition is to restrain inferior courts from acting without authority of law in cases where wrong, damage, and injustice are likely to follow from such action. Olsen Family Trust, 110 Nev. at 552, 874 P.2d at 781; Silver Peaks Mines v. Second Judicial District Court, 33 Nev. 97, 110 P. 503 (1910).

Standard for Mandamus

The court may issue a writ of mandamus to enforce "the performance of an act which the law enjoins as a duty especially resulting from an office . . . or to compel the admission of a party to the use and enjoyment of a right . . . to which he is entitled and from which he is unlawfully precluded by such inferior tribunal." NRS 34.160; Round Hill Gen. Imp. Dist. v. Newman, 97 Nev. 601, 603-04, 637 P.2d 534, 536 (1981).

"[B]ecause a writ of mandamus is an extraordinary remedy, the decision to entertain a petition for the writ lies within [this Court's] discretion." Gonzalez v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 129 Nev. 215, 217, 298 P.3d 448, 449–50 (2013). Mandamus may issue to correct discretionary action if it is manifestly abused or is exercised arbitrarily or capriciously. Office of the Washoe County DA v. Second

Judicial Dist. Court, 116 Nev. 629, 635, 5 P.3d 562, 566 (2000). "A writ of mandamus is available to compel the performance of an act that the law requires ... or to control a manifest abuse or arbitrary or capricious exercise of discretion." State v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court (Armstrong). 127 Nev. 927, 931, 267 P.3d 777, 779 (2011). "The writ is appropriate when 'there is not a plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law." State v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court in & for Cty. of Clark, 134 Nev. 104, 105, 412 P.3d 18, 21 (2018) (quoting NRS 34.170).

This Court has previously recognized that the State is prohibited from appealing a final judgment in a criminal case, and therefore has no remedy in law to challenge most district court rulings. <u>Id.</u> at 106, 412 P.3d at 21. <u>See also NRS 177.015(3)</u> ("The defendant only may appeal from a final judgment or verdict in a criminal case."); (Armstrong), 127 Nev. at 931, 267 P.3d at 780 ("The instant petition challenges the district court's exercise of discretion, and the State has no other remedy at law because it cannot appeal the final judgment in a criminal case...we exercise our discretion to consider [the petition's] merits.").

b. The District Court Acted Arbitrarily and Capriciously by Granting the Defendant's Motion to Strike Witnesses

Extraordinary relief is warranted in this case to correct the district court's arbitrary and capricious decision to grant the Defendant's motion that effectively prohibits the victim from testifying in her own case. An abuse of discretion occurs

if the district court's decision is arbitrary or capricious or if it exceeds the bounds of law or reason. <u>Jackson v. State</u>, 117 Nev. 116, 120, 17 P.3d 998, 1000 (2001). "An arbitrary or capricious exercise of discretion is one 'founded on prejudice or preference rather than on reason,' or 'contrary to the evidence or established rules of law." <u>State v. Dist. Ct. (Armstrong)</u>, 127 Nev. 927, 931–32, 267 P.3d 777, 780 (2011). "[M]anifest abuse of discretion does not result from a mere error in judgment, but occurs when the law is overridden or misapplied, or when the judgment exercised is manifestly unreasonable or the result of partiality, prejudice, bias or ill will." Id.

The district court's striking of the witness in the instant case was an arbitrary and capricious exercise of discretion. NRS 174.234 sets forth certain obligations for parties in a criminal proceeding regarding the notice of witnesses:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, not less than 5 judicial days before trial or at such other time as the court directs:
 - (a) If the defendant will be tried for one or more offenses that are punishable as a gross misdemeanor or felony:
 - (1) The defendant shall file and serve upon the prosecuting attorney a written notice containing the names and last known addresses of all witnesses the defendant intends to call during the case in chief of the defendant; and
 - (2) The prosecuting attorney shall file and serve upon the defendant a written notice containing the names and last known addresses of all witnesses the prosecuting attorney intends to call during the case in chief of the State

In addition to the notice requirement, NRS 174.234(3) establishes a continuing duty

to file and serve the opposing party if new addresses become available. Pursuant to the statute, such information should be provided "as soon as is practicable after the party obtains the information." NRS 174.234(3)(a). Precluding a deficiently noticed witness should only be the result of a party acting in bad faith. <u>Turner v. State</u>, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 62, 473 P.3d 438 (Oct. 1, 2020).

The requirements of NRS 174.234 are not absolute, and any deficient notice should go towards a possible continuance and not exclusion of the witness's testimony. Dossey v. State, 114 Nev. 904, 907, 964 P.2d 782, 784 (1998). In Dossey, this Court determined that disclosing the witness's place of employment but not the witness's name was sufficient notice "because the defense could have discovered the witness's identity with minimal and reasonable efforts." Id. Additionally, "[F]ailure to endorse a witness constitutes reversible error only where the defendant has been prejudiced by the omission." Jones v. State, 113 Nev. 454, 473, 937 P.2d 55, 67 (1997).

In this particular case, the matter had gone to grand jury where the victim had testified. The discovery clearly indicates the identity of the victim. This is not a case where the defendant could be prejudiced by being surprised by an unknown or undisclosed witness. The victim has always been noticed in this case, but due to her living circumstances, the State has been unable to provide the address called for in NRS 174.234.

Moreover, the circumstances in this case do not show any bad faith on the part of the State. The investigator's affidavit makes it is clear that the victim does not have a stable residence. PA 31-32. As such, the State could not provide an updated address. The listing of her address simply is not practicable given her living situation. However since the State had managed to gain service on the victim, it has even offered to arrange for Defendant's counsel to conduct a pretrial with the victim. PA 28. The State has literally sought to go above and beyond its obligations, yet the district court has imposed the most severe punishment possible by precluding the victim's testimony.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the State requests this Court to grant the petition and direct the clerk of this Court to issue a writ of mandamus and/or prohibition vacating the district court from striking the State's witness and allowing the victim to testify at a future jury trial.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 3. Facts showing the existence and nature of the claimed emergency: On July 26, 2021, the Honorable Monica Trujillo granted Defendant McGuire's motion to have the victim stricken from testifying. Following the district court's ruling, the State requested a stay of the trial, but the district court denied the request for stay. The State requests this Court's review.
- 4. The Honorable Monica Trujillo and all counsel listed in paragraphs 1-2 were notified of this emergency motion and writ petition by electronic service.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

- 1. I hereby certify that this writ complies with the formatting requirements of NRAP 32(a)(4), the typeface requirements of NRAP 32(a)(5) and the type style requirements of NRAP 32(a)(9) because this writ has been prepared in a proportionally spaced typeface using Microsoft Word 2003 in 14 point font of the Times New Roman style.
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STATE OF NEVADA,) CASE NO.: C-16-319756-1

Plaintiff,) DEPT. XIX

DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BRANDON ALEXANDER MCGUIRE,

Defendant.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM D. KEPHART, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

RECORDER'S TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING RE: CALENDAR CALL

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State ready to address these motions?

MR BROOKS: No. It's Ms. Craggs' case.

THE COURT: Okay. All right.

MR. BROOKS: I was just here to get new dates.

THE COURT: Well, the one that I do want to address though is you filed a motion to compel compliance with NRS 174.234 or to strike it.

MS. HAMERS: Mm-hmm.

THE COURT: And is there anything particularly special about -- I mean, I know who the witnesses are based on your motion, but is there anything particularly special that I -- that I need to order something beyond the statute? Because it -- their -- I mean, their response is is that they have five days prior and that's basically what they're saying, so

MS. HAMERS: I -- no. There's nothing that -- special --THE COURT: Okay. MS. HAMERS: -- besides compliance with the statute. And I. you know, we file them ahead of time because --THE COURT: Okay. MS. HAMERS: -- if I wait till five days, that's --THE COURT: Okay. MS. HAMERS: -- not helpful to us, but --THE COURT: Well that's why I'm saying, that I -- no, no, I understand that --MS. HAMERS: Yeah. THE COURT: -- but that's --MS. HAMERS: So be it. THE COURT: You know, that -- it -- statutorily, I mean, if you had something saying, hey, we're concerned about this one or --MS. HAMERS: I just --THE COURT: -- this one witness, I don't think we can find. I need more extra time or -- I will tell the State though --MS. HAMERS: I think that's where I'll be at five days. THE COURT: Okay. I'll tell the State this, that if that happens, I mean -- I'm telling the State to comply -- I'm dealing with that motion now. I am going to require the State to comply with that; however the State needs to recognize that there may be -- it may cause a delay in this in light of the -- the defense may say, hey, we just got this

notice and we weren't able to find anybody in the time frame that we had

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-- that type of thing.

MR. BROOKS: Judge, I don't know that NRS statute on the top of my head.

THE COURT: It's -- there's a five day --

MS. HAMERS: Is a witness notice.

THE COURT: -- requirement --

MR. BROOKS: Oh, it's just a notice. Okay.

THE COURT: -- on witnesses -- notice.

MS. HAMERS: A witness notice.

THE COURT: It's just a notice. So, yeah. I can't believe you wouldn't know that.

MR. BROOKS: My fault.

THE COURT: Okay. So, okay, so that's where I'm at with that one.

MS. HAMERS: Okay.

THE COURT: I'm going to require the State to comply with it, but caveat here is that I can anticipate that there may be some issues and I'll deal with them if it comes up, all right Ms. Hamers?

MS. HAMERS: Thank you.

THE COURT: That's all I can tell you.

So, are you -- are we ready to go on this?

MS. HAMERS: Yeah, we -- I mean, if -- in theory, if we had juries, we would be --

THE COURT: Yeah, I know.

MS. HAMERS: -- ready to go on them.

THE COURT: Well we're not -- the problem is is that we're not.

MS. HAMERS: I know. And I spoke to Mr. McGuire and he understands the circumstance that we're in. We're asking to --

THE COURT: Yeah.

MS. HAMERS: -- reset it for now what is the --

THE COURT: If you wanted to do a bench trial, I could --

MS. HAMERS: We don't want --

THE COURT: -- accommodate you there.

MS. HAMERS: -- a bench trial.

THE COURT: Oh, okay.

MS. HAMERS: I appreciate it though.

THE COURT: Okay,

MS. HAMERS: And I did -- I spoke to Mr. McGuire about that as well.

THE COURT: Okay, all right. Okay. So, all right, so I'm going to vacate the trial that's scheduled for the 20th and reschedule it then.

THE COURT CLERK: All right. I'm -- the pretrial conference is going to be June 3rd at 8:30, calendar call is June 24th at 8:30 and the trial day will be July 6th at 10:00 a.m.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. HAMERS: And then the other two motions in limine, do you want to just put them on the next calendar call? They're really just --

THE COURT: We can.

something happens, let us know and --

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[Case called at 8:43 a.m.]

THE COURT: Case number C-16-319756-1, State of Nevada versus Brandon McGuire. Who's here on behalf of the State?

MS. MOORS: Good morning, Your Honor, Lindsey Moors and Nima Afshar, on behalf of the State.

THE COURT: Thank you. On behalf of defendant?

MS. HAMERS: Kathleen Hamers and Shana Brouwers.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Mr. McGuire is present in custody via BlueJeans at CCDC.

This is on for defendant's motion to strike witnesses and dismiss case. I reviewed the motion, the opposition, the reply, as well as the attached exhibits.

Anything further, Ms. Hamers, or Ms. Brouwers?

MS. HAMNERS: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: State?

MS. AFSHAR: Your Honor, I did just want to briefly address just one issue, and that was the bad faith issue. I just wanted to make a record that, you know, the defendant throwing out the word bad faith in relation to a calendar call, which has nothing to with the notice of witnesses, doesn't satisfy the legal requirement of bad faith, but beyond that it's not acting in bad faith to announce ready to the Court when there's another calendar call coming and then we had every expectation that this witness would be present, including, you know, she's been to

every court date that she needs to be at and we've had very good contact with her, so I just wanted to make that record. And other than that, I will submit unless the Court has questions.

THE COURT: So you've had very good contact with her this whole time in the 2016 case, but haven't been able to get her address?

MS. AFSHAR: That is correct, Your Honor. So we didn't have -- we both came on this case recently, but the contacts that we have had with her included coming to the Grand Jury. I don't know what it included beyond that, but we do have information for her is my understanding at this point, just not an address.

THE COURT: Okay, at any point, since you didn't have an address, did the State consider providing an alternate means of communication to the defense?

MS. AFSHAR: No, Your Honor, because there is no statutory requirement to do so, but that is why we offered to provide to make her available. Because I think the purpose of the notice requirement, at least in part, is to facilitate the defendant's investigation and, you know, in one hand and also to put him on notice of what is coming in terms of what the witness intends to say. In this case, they had her statements, her name, they were aware of what she was going to say or what she will say at trial. So, that's not an issue, but in terms of speaking to her, facilitating the investigation, certainly we're happy to set that up. I just — we have no obligation to provide contact information beyond an address. And that was actually one issue I had with the motion and the reply whether there's conflating of an address and contact information.

THE COURT: Okay, in what respect?

MS. AFSHAR: Well, so, the claim from the State is not that we never had contact information for her. Right, obviously we have been able to bring her to Court. We've never had an address for her as far as I know. And so, that's one aspect of it, but then there's also the circular nature of the argument, Your Honor, where the claim is that we didn't provide an address for the victim. And because we didn't do that, she should be stricken because we were acting in bad faith, because we announced ready on Monday and didn't let anybody know we don't have information for her when the entire issue here is that the notice of witness literally says address unknown. And so therefore, she should be stricken. I mean, it's just -- it's a circular argument.

THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Hamers, Ms. Brouwers?

MS. HAMERS: Yes, Judge, I would just note the motion is not to strike this witness because the State acted in bad faith. The State argued that they -- the case shouldn't be dismissed because they didn't act in bad faith. That's why bad faith isn't addressed at all. The witness should be stricken because they didn't provide the information they need to, to comply with the statute. They certainly were on notice that we were asking for that information since last year. If the State wanted to make some sort of alternate accommodation, permission not to include her address in the witness notice, whatever, needed to happen a long time ago. And instead, they said they complied with the statute and they did not. And so, I think that the witness needs to be stricken at this point, I think it's too little too late.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. So, just a quick rundown of the case, this is an Indictment from December 1st of 2016. There was no information for the named victim who was listed as a, Jane Doe, at that time, it said in c/o the Clark County District Attorney's office. Garcia was not listed as a witness. Who's the second witness? That's the subject of this motion. On March 13th of 2020, the State's notice of witness and/or experts was filed. The first witness E.H. presumably the alleged victim, it also listed c/o the Clark County District Attorney's office as SVU/VWAC. Garcia was then added as a witness, address unknown. March 31st of 2020, State's supplemental notice of witness listed E.H. c/o CCDA SVU/VWAC. Garcia was also listed as a witness, address unknown. July 2nd 2021, State's second supplemental noticed E.H. and Evelyn Hicks, address unknown and/or c/o CCDA SVU/VWAC.

And then I just want to address previously the motion to compel was set for hearing April 13th of 2020. I read the transcript of that. I've read the motion. State's opposition at that time said: "State intends to comply with the above statute, will provide notice of the defendant not less five days before trial." At that time a trial date was different, but the State's argument primarily rested on. They had not yet violated the statute which is 174.234. Kephart then said I'm ordering the State to comply. Obviously, this trial's been continued many times for different reasons including Covid. But I do want to point out, in the declaration, just for the record, that the State said the alleged victim wasn't served a subpoena until July 20th 2021, to the day after our

1	MS. HAMERS: Thank you.
2	MS. AFSHAR: Thank you.
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Electronically Filed 11/6/2017 2:39 PM Steven D. Grierson 1 0026 CLERK OF THE COURT PHILIP J. KOHN, PUBLIC DEFENDER 2 NEVADA BAR NO. 0556 KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER 3 NEVADA BAR NO. 9049 PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE DEPARTMENT XIX NOT STATE 4 309 South Third Street, Suite 226 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 5 Telephone: (702) 455-4685 NOTICE OF HEARING Facsimile: (702) 455-5112 hamerskm@co.clark.nv.us б DATE III SIF TIME Attorneys for Defendant APPROVED BY 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 9 THE STATE OF NEVADA. 10 CASE NO. C-16-319756-1 Plaintiff. 11 DEPT. NO. XIX 12 BRANDON ALEXANDER MCGUIRE, DATE: November 8, 2017 13 TIME: 8:30 a.m. Defendant. 14 15 MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE 16 COMES NOW the Defendant, BRANDON ALEXANDER MCGUIRE, by and 17 through his attorney, KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, Deputy Public Defender, and respectfully 18 moves this court for an order vacating the November 8, 2017 trial date and requesting a new trial 19 setting on a date convenient to the court. 20 This Motion is made based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein, the 21 attached Declaration of Counsel, Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support hereof, and 22 oral argument at the time set for hearing this Motion. 23 DATED this 3rd day of November, 2017. 24 PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER 25 26 27 By /s/Kathleen M. Hamers KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, #9049 28 Deputy Public Defender

DECLARATION

KATHLEEN M. HAMERS makes the following declaration:

- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada; I am the Deputy Public Defender assigned to represent the Defendant in the instant matter, and I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this case.
- 2. Trial in the instant case is currently set to commence on December 11, 2017.
- 3. Counsel will be on leave during that time, and is requesting that this trial be continued.
- 4. The State of Nevada is aware of this request and it is counsel's belief the State has no objection to the continuance.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. (NRS 53.045).

EXECUTED this 3rd day of November, 2017.

/s/Kathleen M. Hamers KATHLEEN M. HAMERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Attorney for Plaintiff:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE will be heard on November 8, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in District Court, Department XIX.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2017.

PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By: /s/Kathleen M. Hamers
KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, #9049
Deputy Public Defender

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

I hereby certify that service of the above and forgoing MOTION was served via electronic e-filing to the Clark County District Attorney's Office at motions@clarkcountyda.com on this 6th day of November, 2017.

By: /s/ Sara Ruano

An employee of the
Clark County Public Defender's Office

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DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

November 08, 2017

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

Brandon Mcguire

November 08, 2017

8:30 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Kephart, William D.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03E

COURT CLERK: Tia Everett

RECORDER:

Christine Erickson

PARTIES

PRESENT:

Hamers, Kathleen M.

Mcguire, Brandon Alexander

Villani, Jacob J.

Deputy Public Defender

Defendant

Deputy District Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE

Court noted defense is seeking to continue trial and State has no opposition. Parties agreed with Court's representations. COURT ORDERED, Defendant's Motion to Continue GRANTED; trial date VACATED and RESET.

CUSTODY

8/08/2018 8:30 AM PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE

9/05/2018 8:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

9/10/2018 10:00 AM JURY TRIAL

PRINT DATE:

11/08/2017

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Minutes Date:

November 08, 2017

C-16-319756-1

DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

July 30, 2018

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

Brandon Mcguire

July 30, 2018

08:30 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY:

Kephart, William D.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16B

COURT CLERK: Everett, Tia

RECORDER:

Erickson, Christine

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Brandon Alexander Mcguire

Defendant

Jacob J. Villani

Attorney for Plaintiff

Kathleen M. Hamers

Attorney for Defendant

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE ... DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DISCOVERY & BRADY MATERIAL

Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Hamers advised she is seeking surveillance video as well as the sane report. COURT ORDERED, Defendant's Motion DENIED IN PART as to the request to compel and GRANTED IN PART as the State is required to comply with NRS 176.245, Brady and its prodigies. FURTHER ORDERED, Defendant's Motion to Compel on calendar for 8/13/2018 VACATED as a duplicate entry.

CUSTODY

Printed Date: 8/1/2018 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: July 30, 2018

Prepared by: Tia Everett

8/31/2018 1:28 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT **MCNT** 1 PHILIP J. KOHN, PUBLIC DEFENDER NEVADA BAR NO. 0556 2 KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER 3 NEVADA BAR NO. 9049 PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE 309 South Third Street, Suite 226 4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 Telephone: (702) 455-4685 5 Facsimile: (702) 455-5112 HamersKM@clarkcountynv.gov 6 Attorneys for Defendant 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 9 THE STATE OF NEVADA, 10 CASE NO. C-16-319756-1 Plaintiff, 11 DEPT. NO. XIX 12 BRANDON ALEXANDER MCGUIRE, DATE: September 5, 2018 13 TIME: 8:30 a.m. Defendant, 14 15 MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE 16 COMES NOW the Defendant, BRANDON ALEXANDER MCGUIRE, by and 17 through his attorney, KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, Deputy Public Defender, and respectfully 18 moves this court for an order vacating the September 10, 2018, trial date and requesting a new

trial setting on a date convenient to the court. This Motion is made based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein, the attached Declaration of Counsel, Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support hereof, and oral argument at the time set for hearing this Motion.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2018.

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PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

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/s/Kathleen M. Hamers

KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, #9049

Deputy Public Defender

DECLARATION

KATHLEEN M. HAMERS makes the following declaration:

- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada; I am the Deputy Public Defender assigned to represent the Defendant in the instant matter, and I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this case.
- 2. That the Defense is currently without a copy of the Sexual Assault Nurses Examination in the instant case. Counsel believes that despite numerous requests, the State is currently without those reports either. The reports are necessary in order to prepare an adequate defense for Mr. McGuire.
- 3. The Defense is currently without a copy of the video surveillance in this case. The Defense has been provided with still photographs that came from video surveillance of a Wendy's drive thru. That video surveillance allegedly captured the alleged victim and Defendants at the drive thru. This footage is necessary to investigate and prepare Mr. McGuire's defense.
- 4. The Defense is requesting that this case be continued until these items can be provided and any follow up preparation can be done on Mr. McGuire's behalf.
- 5 Mr. McGuire is aware of this request and in agreement that a continuance would be in his best interest at this time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. (NRS 53.045).

EXECUTED this 28th day of August, 2018.

/s/Kathleen M. Hamers

KATHLEEN M. HAMERS

NOTICE OF MOTION TO: CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Attorney for Plaintiff: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE will be heard on September 5, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in District Court, Department XIX. DATED this day of August, 2018. PHILIP J. KOHN CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER /s/Kathleen M. KATHLEEN M. HAMERS, #9049 Deputy Public Defender **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE** I hereby certify that service of the above and forgoing MOTION was served via electronic e-filing to the Clark County District Attorney's Office at motions@clarkcountyda.com on this 3/5 day of August, 2018. An employee of the Clark County Public Defender's Office

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

September 05, 2018

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

VS

Brandon Mcguire

September 05, 2018

08:30 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY:

Kephart, William D.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16B

COURT CLERK: Everett, Tia

RECORDER:

Erickson, Christine

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Brandon Alexander Mcguire

Defendant

Jacob J. Villani

Attorney for Plaintiff

Kathleen M. Hamers

Attorney for Defendant

Shana S. Brouwers

Attorney for Defendant

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

CALENDAR CALL ... DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE

Mr. Villani advised he has no opposition to the motion to continue. Colloquy regarding scheduling. COURT ORDERED, Defendant's Motion GRANTED; trial date VACATED and RESET.

CUSTODY (COC)

4/03/2019 8:30 AM PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE

5/01/2019 8:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

5/06/2019 10:00 AM JURY TRIAL

Printed Date: 9/11/2018 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: September 05, 2018

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor COURT MINUTES April 03, 2019

C-16-319756-1 State of Nevada

VS

Brandon Mcguire

April 03, 2019 08:30 AM Pre Trial Conference

HEARD BY: Kephart, William D. COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16B

COURT CLERK: Emmons, Shannon **RECORDER:** Erickson, Christine

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Brandon Alexander Mcguire Defendant

Genevieve C. Craggs Attorney for Plaintiff
Kathleen M. Hamers Attorney for Defendant

State of Nevada Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Ms. Hamers advised she has not received the S.A.N.E. report or video evidence and she is not prepared to proceed on the current trial date; Further, Defendant has a pending capital case set for hearing on 06/26/2019 and requested matter be set after that date. COURT ORDERED, trial date VACATED and matter SET for status check.

NDC

07/08/2019 8:30 AM STATUS CHECK: TRIAL SETTING

Printed Date: 4/5/2019 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: April 03, 2019

Prepared by: Shannon Emmons

DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

Status Check: Trial Setting

August 26, 2019

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

VS

Brandon Mcguire

August 26, 2019

08:30 AM

HEARD BY:

Kephart, William D.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16B

COURT CLERK: Everett, Tia; Jackson, Carolyn

RECORDER:

Erickson, Christine

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Brandon Alexander Mcguire

Defendant

Genevieve C. Craggs

Attorney for Plaintiff

Kathleen M. Hamers Shana S. Brouwers

Attorney for Defendant Attorney for Defendant

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Ms. Hamers advised parties are requesting a trial date after March. COURT ORDERED, matter SET for trial, upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Hamers advised she has received the Sane report she has been waiting for; although, the State is still looking into other issues. Ms. Craggs advised the other item is the Sane exam photographs which the Sane nurse has been unable to locate and will hopefully have them. COURT SO NOTED.

NDC

3/11/2020 8:30 AM PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE

4/15/2020 8:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

4/20/2020 10:00 AM JURY TRIAL

Printed Date: 8/30/2019 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: August 26, 2019

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor **COURT MINUTES** April 13, 2020

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

VS

Brandon Mcguire

April 13, 2020

10:15 AM All Pending Motions

HEARD BY:

Kephart, William D.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16B

COURT CLERK: Everett, Tia

RECORDER:

Erickson, Christine

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Brandon Alexander Mcguire

Defendant

Kathleen M. Hamers

Attorney for Defendant

Parker Brooks

Attorney for Plaintiff

Shana S. Brouwers

Attorney for Defendant

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

CALENDAR CALL ... DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH NRS 174.234, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO STRIKE WITNESSES

Court noted there are a number of motions set for 4/20/2020 and inquired if the State if prepared to argue these motions. Mr. Brooks advised this is Ms. Cragg's case and he is only prepared to get new trial dates. Court stated he would like to address the motion to compel compliance as it appears defense is only requesting witness information pursuant to statute. Colloguy regarding motion. COURT ORDERED, Motion GRANTED with the understanding this may cause further delay with the trial. Upon Court's inquiry. Ms. Hamers advised parties are ready. FURTHER ORDERED, trial date shall be VACATED and RESET based on Administrative Order 20-01 and the COVID-19 pandemic. FURTHER ORDERED, Defendant's other motions scheduled for 4/20/2020 shall be RESET to 6/03/2020.

CUSTODY

6/03/2020 8:30 AM PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE

6/24/2020 8:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

7/06/2020 10:00 AM JURY TRIAL

Printed Date: 4/16/2020 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: April 13, 2020

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

June 03, 2020

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

VS

Brandon Mcguire

June 03, 2020

10:15 AM **All Pending Motions**

HEARD BY:

Kephart, William D.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16B

COURT CLERK: Everett, Tia

RECORDER:

Erickson, Christine

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Brandon Alexander Mcquire

Defendant

Genevieve C. Craggs

Attorney for Plaintiff

Kathleen M. Hamers

Attorney for Defendant

Shana S. Brouwers

Attorney for Defendant

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE USE OF "NO CORROBORATION" JURY INSTRUCTION:

COURT ORDERED, Motion DENIED as it is the proper status of the law; although, parties will be permitted to argue their position as to jury instructions at the time of trial.

DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE USE OF THE PREJUDICIAL TERM "VICTIM":

COURT ORDERED, Motion DENIED.

PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE:

Court noted due to the COVID-19 pandemic trials are not anticipated to begin again until approximately September. Colloquy regarding scheduling. COURT ORDERED, trial date VACATED and RESET.

NDC

11/04/2020 8:30 AM PRE TRIAL CONFERENCE

12/02/2020 8:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

12/07/2020 10:00 AM JURY TRIAL

Printed Date: 6/5/2020 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: June 03, 2020

DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

November 30, 2020

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

Brandon Mcguire

November 30, 2020

08:30 AM

Calendar Call

HEARD BY:

Barker, David

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16B

COURT CLERK: Everett, Tia

RECORDER:

Pierson, Toshiana

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Kathleen M. Hamers

Attorney for Defendant

Lindsey Moors

Attorney for Plaintiff

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Court noted pursuant to the new Administrative Order 20-24 trial dates are being reset. Ms. Hamers advised Defendant is not in Nevada Department of Corrections; although, he is housed at the north valley complex. Further Court noted Defendant has previously waived his speedy trial rights. Colloquy regarding scheduling. COURT ORDERED, trial date VACATED and RESET.

CUSTODY

3/03/2021 8:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

3/08/2021 10:00 AM JURY TRIAL

Printed Date: 12/1/2020 Prepared by: Tia Everett Page 1 of 1

Minutes Date:

November 30, 2020

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

March 01, 2021

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

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Brandon Mcguire

March 01, 2021

HEARD BY:

08:30 AM

Trujillo, Monica

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 11C

COURT CLERK: Castle, Alan

RECORDER:

Gomez, Rebeca

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

Brandon Alexander Mcguire

Defendant

Calendar Call

Kathleen M. Hamers

Attorney for Defendant

Public Defender

Attorney for Defendant

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

Steven L Waters

Attorney for Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Due to COVID-19 and trial protocols, Court finds Defendant having previously waived, ORDERS, TRIAL VACATED and RESET.

CUSTODY

7/19/21 8:30 A.M. CALENDAR CALL

7/26/21 10:30 A.M. JURY TRIAL

Printed Date: 3/3/2021

Prepared by: Alan Castle

Page 1 of 1

Minutes Date:

March 01, 2021

DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

July 19, 2021

C-16-319756-1

State of Nevada

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Brandon Mcguire

July 19, 2021

8:30 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Trujillo, Monica

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 11C

Attorney

COURT CLERK: Grecia Snow

RECORDER: Rebeca Gomez

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT:

Brouwers, Shana S.

Attorney Hamers, Kathleen M. Defendant Mcguire, Brandon Alexander Attorney Moors, Lindsey State of Nevada Plaintiff

IOURNAL ENTRIES

- STATE'S MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE OF OTHER CRIMES, WRONGS OR ACTS PURSUANT TO NRS 48.045 (3), NRS 48.061 AND NRS 48.045(2)...CALENDAR CALL

Arguments by counsel. COURT stated its FINDINGS and ORDERED, motion DENIED. Ms. Hamers to prepare the order. Ms. Moors objected to Deft's Notice of Expert Witness as it was not timely filed. Ms. Hamers argued they filed the Notice on the next buisness day after a holiday. Colloquy regarding the State's video. Court NOTED it would allow the Deft's Notice for Expert Witness. Parties announced ready for trial with 8-10 witness and 4-5 days to try. Ms. Moors advised Nima Afshar would be co-counsel. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, status check and central calendar call SET.

CUSTODY

PRINT DATE: 07/21/2021

Page 1 of 2

Minutes Date:

July 19, 2021

7/21/21 8:30 AM - STATUS CHECK: TRIAL

7/21/21 2:00 PM - CENTRAL CALENDAR CALL (LLA)

PRINT DATE: 07/21/2021 Page 2 of 2 Minutes Date: July 19, 2021

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

THE STATE OF NEVADA,)
Petitioner,) Case No. 83269
VS.)
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,)
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK;)
AND THE HONORABLE MONICA)
TRUJILLO, DISTRICT JUDGE,)
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Respondents,)
and)
BRANDON ALEXANDER MCGUIRE,)
Real Party in Interest.)
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REAL PARTY IN INTEREST'S APPENDIX TO ANSWER TO EMERGENCY PETITION FOR WRIT

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Attorney for Real Party in Interest

AARON D. FORD
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Counsel for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 11th day of August, 2021. Electronic

Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

AARON D. FORD ALEXANDER CHEN KATHLEEN M. HAMERS

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

MONICA TRUJILLO District Court, Department III 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101

BY <u>/s/ Carrie M. Connolly</u>
Employee, Clark County Public
Defender's Office