IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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LISA ANN NASH,
Appellant(s),

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent(s),

Case No: A-20-823213-W

Docket No: 83468

RECORD ON APPEAL

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- 18. Has any ground being raised in this petition been previously presented to this or any other court by way of petition for habeas corpus, motion, application, or any other postconviction proceeding? No
- 19. If any of the grounds listed in Numbers 24(a), (b), (c), and (d), or listed on any additional pages you have attached, were not previously presented in any other court, state or federal, list briefly what grounds were not so presented and give your reasons for not presenting them.

None of the grounds listed in Numbers 24(a), (b), (c), and (d), or listed on any additional attached pages have been presented in any other court because Petitioner has only filed a direct appeal and the Ineffective Assistance of Counsel could not be raised during the direct appeal.

- 20. Are you filing this petition more than 1 year following the filing of the judgment of conviction or the filing of a decision on direct appeal? No
- 21. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in any court, either state or federal, as to the judgment under attack? No
- 22. Give the name of each attorney who represented you in the proceeding resulting in your conviction and on direct appeal:

Brian Smith, Esq. (substituted after the Preliminary Hearing in Justice Court) Steve E. Evenson, Esq. (until sentencing) Ronald Colquitt, Esq. (sentencing only) Theresa Ristenpart, Esq. (direct appeal only)

- 23. Do you have any future sentences to serve after you complete the sentence imposed by the judgment under attack? No
- 24. State concisely every ground on which you claim that you are being held unlawfully. Summarize briefly the facts supporting each ground. Additional pages may be attached.
 - (a) Ground one: Ineffective assistance of counsel due to complete lack of pretrial preparation and motions:

Attorney Evenson promised on multiple occasions that he would file pre-trial motions. These motions were to be based on the number of charges being brought forth for the same incident (he had researched case law to that effect) and the introduction of the video as evidence. He also informed the Petitioner that he was going to file a pre-trial motion regarding several witnesses and their competence to testify. Mr. Evenson had approximately two (2) years to file these motions. Instead, he filed a Motion in Limine of Mental Condition of Alleged Victim on the morning of the first day of trial, which was September 11, 2020 (Voir Dire). The Motion was denied as untimely filing. The following day, Mr. Evenson attempted to file the same motion, which was again denied.

ZERO pre-trial motions were filed in this matter, other than requests for continuance.

Mr. Evenson also did not prepare the Petitioner for trial, and even though the Petitioner saw Mr. Evenson almost daily because she worked for him as a paralegal, he only spoke briefly with her on a few occasions (usually in passing) regarding her case. He did meet with her prior to her testimony during trial, for approximately one (1) hour. Petitioner was not properly prepared for trial and neither was Attorney Evenson.

Additionally, on the last day of trial, Mr. Evenson filed a Motion for Directed Verdict and Motion to Force Amended Information, which was denied.

During the trial, the Judge made statements regarding Mr. Evenson's representation of the Defendant/Petitioner. The Judge noted the contradictory nature of Mr. Evenson's defenses of: "It didn't happen; I did it because of stress; and I did it from stress, forgive me". Prior to the trial, Petitioner met with Mr. Evenson at his home in Lovelock to attempted to discuss her case. She wanted a specific defense strategy and he told her that he did not have a strategy, that he would come up with the strategy during the trial when he saw what was presented. Petitioner wanted to sit down and speak at length regarding her case, but Mr. Evenson did not allow it. He said he would handle it and Petitioner was not to be involved in the preparation at all.

Additionally, Mr. Evenson did not review any of the discovery (CPS Reports, emails with CPS workers, information that could have been provided by the Petitioner and added to discovery) with the Petitioner. For this reason, during the trial Mr. Evenson was unable to respond to the Prosecution's witnesses with informed responses. He did not meet or speak with any witnesses, other than Megan Nash for a period of approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Evenson did not conduct any pre-trial investigations at all. On several occasions, he told Petitioner that her case "would not be going to trial" or that it would be "going away." It is obvious he did not plan on attending a trial and therefore did not truly prepare for trial.

Judge Delaney also noticed the lack of trial preparation by Mr. Evenson, as she made reference to his actions reminding her of the movie, "My Cousin Vinny."

(b) Ineffective Assistance of Counsel due to Conflict of Interest.

Mr. Evenson should not have been counsel for the Defendant/Petitioner as they had an inappropriate "relationship." This "relationship" began on the evening before the December, 2016 calendar call hearing when Petitioner and Mr. Evenson were in Las Vegas for that hearing. The "relationship" was brief and ended very badly. Details of the relationship will be filed with this Court as a Supplement to this Petition. Petitioner did not believe Mr. Evenson would be unprofessional enough to treat her case in the lackadaisical manner he did, especially since she had paid him for his services and therefore did not find other counsel or believe she would even need to do so.

Additionally, Petitioner has sat in court with Mr. Evenson during other jury trials in Northern Nevada. He spent many hours preparing for these trials and was an outstanding litigator during these trials. Petitioner believed he would provide the same outstanding representation for her, especially since he had known her for approximately 15 years, knew her family well, knew the type of Mother she was, and had even entrusted her with caring for his children on several occasions. Unfortunately, Mr. Evenson's performance in the Las Vegas court was substandard compared to the many previous trial performances observed by Petitioner.

Petitioner also finds it a bit suspect that Mr. Evenson did not inform the Court that Ms. Nash was a long-time employee of his and was currently working as one of his paralegals. By doing so, he would have possibly given the jury a different perspective regarding the Petitioner: that he, as an officer of the court, trusted Ms. Nash so much so that he employed her for years. Also the jury may have gotten the message that she was not some hardened military E-8, but more so a single mother and a civilian doing her best to provide for her children.

(c) Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Due to Counsel's Health Issues and Recent Death of Petitioner's Grandmother.

Mr. Evenson had recently suffered a few minor heart attacks and was still recovering from them not too long before trial. Because his health was suffering, he was not at his office or working on his cases as much as he would have normally done. This was one of the reasons for his lack of pre-trial preparation and the reason Petitioner went to his home in an attempt to prepare for trial.

Additionally, Petitioner had to go to North Carolina for a while because her grandmother (who was like a mother to her) was in hospice/palliative care. This was not long before the trial of September 2017. Petitioner's grandmother passed away in August of 2017. Nevertheless, Petitioner did attempt to meet with Mr. Evenson on several occasions regarding her case before her grandmother passed away and right prior to the trial date.

(d) <u>Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Because Petitioner's Medical Issues at the Time of the Incident Were Not Brought Forth</u>

Mr. Evenson knew that Petitioner had been diagnosed with PTSD because of the many deaths to which she had been partially responsible through her missions at Creech Air Force Base. He was also aware that she had been going through peri-menopause at the time of the incident. Athough these medical issues did not entirely excuse Ms. Nash's behavior, the jury may have viewed them as possible mitigating circumstances. The fact that a 49-year-old woman who had raised several children (to include step-children) was suddenly acting out of character with a child should have raised some eyebrows. Yet Mr. Evenson made no attempt to explain that Ms. Nash had medical and mental health issues that may have contributed to her behavior.

(e) <u>Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Because Attorney Evenson Did Not Break</u> <u>Down Each Charge or Provide Proof of All the Medical Appointments and Other Factors that Showed No Abuse</u>

At no point during the trial or prior to the trial did Mr. Evenson address the fact that one of the felony counts of child abuse was for literally yelling at/threatening the child. He also did not address the fact that one of the felony counts of child abuse was for literally "humiliating" a child (even though the intent was never to humiliate her). One of the felony counts was for slapping a child 3 times with an open hand on the upper part of the child's arm. When each felony count is viewed separately, Mr. Evenson could have easily argued that each charge was not a felony and therefore was remiss in his duties to the Petitioner.

Furthermore, Mr. Evenson did not present all of the evidence showing there was no abuse. The child had met one-on-one with many professionals during the course of time she lived with the Petitioner and none found any signs of abuse at all. There was a large amount of evidence that was never admitted which showed that the minor had not been abused during her time with the Petitioner. Megan Nash testified that she exaggerated in her statement to the police, but Mr. Evenson did not ask her to identify what was exaggerated. If he had done so, he would have learned that she exaggerated by saying the alleged abuse was a regular occurrence, because it was not. Petitioner believes one of the main reasons she was convicted is because the jury believed Megan's untrue statement regarding the frequency of the alleged abuse. Mr. Evenson did very little to defend the Petitioner against that statement during the trial and when Megan was testifying, even though he had spoken with Megan and knew it was not true.

Petitioner, LISA A. NASH, In Pro Per, reserves the right to amend or supplement this Petition as needed.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the court grant her the relief to which she may be entitled in this proceeding.

AFFIRMATION: The undersigned hereby affirms this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED: This day of October, 2020.

Lisa A. Nash Petitioner, In Pro Per 1220 Roberson Lane Fallon, NV 89406

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VERIFICATION

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned declares that she is the Petitioner named in the foregoing Petition; knows the contents thereof; that the pleading is true as of her own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to such matters, she believes them to be true.

DATED: This day of October, 2020.

Lisa A Nash

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, am representing myself in this matter, and that I served a true and correct copy of the PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (POSTCONVICTION) RE: INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL by the following:

[X] MAIL: By placing an original or true copy in a sealed envelope, postage fully prepaid, in a U.S. Postal Service mailbox at Fallon, Nevada, addressed to the individuals and addresses listed below:

STEVEN B. WOLFSON

Clark County District Attorney

State of Nevada Attorney General

200 Lewis Avenue

100 North Carson Street

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Carson City, NV 89701

DATED: This 16th day of April, 2020.

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16	Motion for this Court to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record for the			
17	Postconviction Writ of Habeas Corpus filed concurrently with this Motion.			
18	The criminal matter associated with said Writ is Case Number C-15-308570-1			
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CLERK'S NOTICE OF NONCONFORMING DOCUMENT

Pursuant to Rule 8(b)(2) of the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules, notice is hereby provided that the following electronically filed document does not conform to the applicable filing requirements: Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (PostConviction) Re: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel / [Missing] District Court Civil Cover Sheet Title of Nonconforming Document: Petitioner Party Submitting Document for Filing: Date and Time Submitted for Electronic Filing: 10/16/2020 at 3:48 PM

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9	judicial officer. In accordance with Administrative Order 19-5, the submitted			
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I hereby certify that on October 21, 2020, I concurrently filed and served a copy of the foregoing Clerk's Notice of Nonconforming Document, on the party that submitted the nonconforming document, via the Eighth Judicial District Court's Electronic Filing and Service System.

By: /s/ Chaunte Pleasant

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Lisa A Nash,	
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The State of Nevada,	ORDER FOR PETITION FOR
Respondent,	WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction Relief) on October 16, 2020. The Court has reviewed the Petition and has determined that a response would assist the Court in determining whether Petitioner is illegally imprisoned and restrained of his/her liberty, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent shall, within 45 days after the date of this Order, answer or otherwise respond to the Petition and file a return in accordance with the provisions of NRS 34.360 to 34.830, inclusive.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this matter shall be placed on this Court's

Calendar on the 61	thday of	January	, 20_ <u>21</u> , at the hour of

9:0 o'clock for further proceedings.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2020

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AFFIRMATION: The undersigned hereby affirms this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

Criminal Case Number: C-15-308570-1

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Mitchell C. Wright, Esq., of Wright Law Offices hereby enters his appearance in the above-entitled matter as counsel for Petitioner, Lisa A. Nash

It is respectfully requested that all further pleadings, notices, and documents herein be served upon counsel at the address referenced above.

DATED: This 8th day of January, 2021

Mitchell C. Wright, Esq. NV State Bar Number 5835 Attorney for Lisa A. Nash

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[X] E-FILE: By electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the individual(s) listed below:

STEVEN B. WOLFSON Clark County District Attorney AARON FORD

State of Nevada Attorney General

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LISA A. NASH,

STATE OF NEVADA,

Defendants.

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Audiovisual Transmission Equipment Appearance Request

Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Nevada Supreme Court's RULES GOVERNING

APPEARANCE BY AUDIOVISUAL TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT, Mitchell C. Wright,
Esq., of Wright Law Offices_requests that Lisa A. Nash, Plaintiff, be permitted to testify by
remote court appearance via video conference for the hearing scheduled for May 19, 2021 at
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Lisa A. Nash, Plaintiff, by executing the attached Audiovisual Transmission

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Eighth Judicial District Court and to be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court for purposes related to this testimony.

Mitchell C. Wright, Esq., agrees to provide all exhibits to The State of Nevada in advance in the same form as have been or will be submitted to the Court Clerk.

Any objection to this request must be made in writing within two (2) judicial days of service of this request.

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Lisa A. Nash

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Case No.:

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THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

Criminal Case No.: C-15-308570-1

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REPLY TO STATE'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR POST-CONVICTION RELIEF

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Lisa A. Nash, by and through her counsel of record, Mitchell C. Wright, Esq., of Wright Law Offices, and hereby submits her Reply to the State's Opposition to Defendant's Petition for Post-Conviction Relief. This Reply is made and based upon the existing papers and pleadings on file herein, and the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

DATED: This 19th day of May, 2021.

Mitchell C. Wright, Esq.

Attorney for Petitioner, Lisa A. Nash

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Summary

Due to a peculiar twist of the law, Petitioner Ms. Lisa Nash could be denied her opportunity to challenge her conviction for ineffective assistance of counsel, based on her early release from probation, due to her **good behavior and compliance**. This is not a just result. The main argument by the State for denial of her Petition is because she is no longer incarcerated or on probation. In effect the State is arguing Ms. Nash should be penalized for her model performance while on probation and because she no longer endures a "loss of liberty." If Ms. Nash had not been released from probation early, the State would have no argument for her post-conviction habeas petition to be considered moot, as she would still have been on probation at the time of filing her Petition.

The State's position was rejected by the Nevada Supreme Court in Lazaro Martinez-Hernandez, AKA Lazaro MartinezHernandez v. The State of Nevada, 132 Adv. Opinion, 61 (August 12, 2016). This perverse result suggested by the State is contrary to public policy, as it would stand to discourage individuals from serving their time on probation with aplomb and striving to be released early from their sentence for good behavior, especially if they have unaddressed matters of post-conviction relief (such as the ineffective assistance of counsel claim in the instant case). Additionally, it should be noted that Ms. Nash is deprived of many of the constitutional rights enjoyed by United States citizens who are not convicted felons. Although Ms. Nash is not on probation or incarcerated, she is "restrained" as a result of "collateral consequences" associated with a criminal conviction.

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When well considered, the court will note the State made no argument based on Ms. Nash's substantive claims of Ineffective Assistance of Counsel. Review of the record as to why speaks for itself. Nor are there procedural defects as her her Petition was timely filed and identifies several deficiencies and areas of neglect in the manner previous counsel handled her case from beginning to end.

Simply stated, this Court must grant the Writ of Habeas Corpus and order a new trial based on the ineffective assistance of her previous counsel, Steve E. Evenson, Esq. To do otherwise would render the perverse result of demotivating probationers similarly situated to Ms. Nash, and deny the opportunity to have the case fully parsed to avoid injustice.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Procedural History

On September 15, 2017, Lisa Nash was found guilty of three (3) counts of Child Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment and one (1) count of Battery Constituting Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor. Petitioner was sentenced to probation for a term not to exceed three (3) years. Ms. Nash was honorably discharged from probation on March 12, 2020, approximately 23 months after sentencing and more than a year early. Had she not been discharged early, Ms. Nash would have remained on probation until May 2021, well within the timeframe of the filing of her Petition.

Immediately following the trial, Petitioner attempted to file an appeal based upon ineffective assistance of counsel. However, upon filing the direct appeal, Ms. Nash was informed by her appellate counsel that she could not file an ineffective assistance of counsel claim until after the direct appeal was resolved.

55 S. Maine Street, Suite A, Fallon, NV 89406 Tel: 775.294.6505 • FAX: 775.294.6504 MITCHWRIGHT@WRIGHTLAWOFFICES.COM Ms. Nash timely filed the Writ of Habeas Corpus for Ineffective Assistance of Counsel on October 16, 2020. The State of Nevada now claims that because Petitioner successfully completed the terms of her probation, and honorably discharged a little over a year early, she no longer has the right to claim ineffective assistance of counsel, as she is no longer under a term of imprisonment. To the contrary for the Court to sustain such argument would permanently confine Ms. Nash to unjust and untenable limits synonymous with collateral consequences, directly impacting the restrictions of liberty endured by a convicted felon. Such technicality cannot stand given the facts of the case at bar.

LAW AND ARGUMENT

The ability to file a petition for post-conviction relief is authorized by NRS Chapter 34. NRS 34.724(1) states "... a person must be under a term of imprisonment in order to file a petition." However, "term of imprisonment" may also be interpreted as "restraint of liberty" caused by collateral consequences. Emphasis added.

NRS 34.370(2) provides instructions and required content for an Application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus. Specifically, it states, "A verified petition for issuance of a writ of habeas corpus must specify that the petitioner is imprisoned or *restrained of the petitioner's liberty...*" Emphasis added.

Additionally, NRS 34.735, provides the form and additional instructions for preparation of the Writ. Line 1 of the example petition clearly states the following: "1. Name of institution and county in which you are presently imprisoned or where and how you are presently restrained of your liberty:" Emphasis added.

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<u>Argument</u>

Ms. Nash is a convicted felon. This fact standing alone acts to adversely impact her liberty. Though recent changes in the law allow her to vote and serve on a civil jury now that she is no longer on probation, she cannot serve on a criminal jury, cannot travel to most countries outside of the United States, cannot obtain many types of employment, and cannot advance in her education because she is "branded" as a felon¹. All of these and more, are collateral consequences stemming from her conviction.

The case of Lazaro Martinez-Hernandez, AKA Lazaro MartinezHernandez v. The State of Nevada, 132 Adv. Opinion, 61 (August 12, 2016). offers guidance when faced with the issue of whether a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus, filed by a petitioner while incarcerated, becomes moot when the petitioner is released from custody.

The appellant, Lazaro Martinez-Hernandez was found guilty and sentenced to 36 months in prison, which was suspended. Appellant was then placed on probation

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It is noteworthy that Ms. Nash is not a frequent flyer before the Court. The instant case is her only criminal charge - ever. Ms. Nash is a distinguished veteran having served in the United States Air Force Reserve for 28 years. Her duty assignment was as a combat operations intelligence analyst. When the events that are the subject of these proceedings took place, she was in the top 10% of the Intelligence community, as a member of the Key Personnel List, (KPL) in the United States. She served in Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Amongst others, she was a national level award recipient of the Lance P. Sijan award for Leadership (2011), and the Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Awards Program. (AFISRAP) (2013). It is extremely rare for a military member to garner one national level award. Two national level awards within a 3-year period is unheard of. Her plan was to continue her service as an Operations Intelligence Superintendent at the Pentagon or some other intelligence agency on the East Coast. Upon retiring, she would have been able to continue to serve her country, moving to the private sector at a significant increase in income. This potential loss is a significant Collateral Consequence. In an overlapping career, Ms. Nash has also been a paralegal for 18 years. Her children are now raised and her revised plans were to attend law school. Competition is fierce for a seat at any law school. Being labeled as a convicted felon is another significant Collateral Consequence that disqualifies Ms. Nash from acquiring even her revised goal. There are other life losses as well. She lost her notary commission after 11 years, and she cannot be certified as a paralegal. All of these examples amount to significant Collateral Consequences.

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for a period not to exceed three (3) years. Appellant did not file a direct appeal, but after being incarcerated in 2010 for a probation violation, he filed a writ of habeas corpus on February 1, 2011, alleging ineffective assistance of counsel and appeal deprivation. The petition was granted as to the appeal deprivation and appellant then filed the direct appeal, which affirmed his conviction on July 22, 2014.

On February 24, 2015, Appellant filed a supplement to the 2011 petition, again alleging ineffective assistance of counsel. The district court dismissed his petition as most because the appellant was no longer in custody, on probation, or on parole.

Martinez-Hernandez appealed the district court decision, which was reversed and remanded to District Court. In so doing, the Nevada Supreme Court held that a petition filed while the petitioner is imprisoned but later released does not become moot. The Court cited *Carafas v. LaVallee*, a United States Supreme Court decision. The U.S. Supreme Court reasoned that because Carafas could not engage in certain businesses, vote in state elections, or serve as a juror, the habeas petitioner should not be required to bear the "collateral consequences" of an assertedly unlawful conviction simply because the path has been so long that he has served his sentence.

In this matter, Lisa Nash did not file a writ of habeas corpus while imprisoned or on probation. However, her criminal convictions carry with them certain collateral consequences, such as the inability to engage in certain businesses, to serve as a juror on a criminal trial, or the inability to travel outside of the United States. Although her sentence has expired, she continues to experience continuing collateral consequences from her convictions.

55 S. Maine Street, Suite A, Fallon, NV 89406 Tel: 775.294.6505 • FAX: 775.294.6504 MITCHWRIGHT@WRIGHTLAWOFFICES.COM Furthermore, in *Knight v. State, 116 Nev. 140, 143-44, 993 P.2d 67, 70 (2000),* the court recognized that criminal convictions carry with them certain collateral consequences, such as the impact they may have on penalty considerations in a subsequent criminal action. Therefore, it was held that the satisfaction of a fine or completion of a sentence did not render a timely appeal from a criminal conviction moot. Although the *Knight* matter dealt with a direct appeal, the doctrine regarding collateral consequences remains the same: completion of a sentence should not render a timely appeal, or, in this case, a writ of habeas corpus, moot.

Additionally, the 1998 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Spencer v. Kemna*, 523 U.S. 1,7 (1998) held that there is a presumption a wrongful criminal conviction has continuing collateral consequences.²

In this matter, Ms. Nash could be denied her opportunity to challenge her conviction due to ineffective assistance of counsel. Her filing of the petition has been timely. Her petition identifies several deficiencies in the way her matter was handled by previous counsel. The main argument by the State for denial of her Petition is because she is no longer incarcerated or on probation. If Ms. Nash had not been released from probation early, due to good behavior and compliance, there would be no argument for her post-conviction habeas petition to be considered moot. This should be contrary to public policy, as it discourages individuals from wanting to be released early from their sentence for good behavior, especially if they have an ineffective assistance of counsel claim.

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² The *Kempa* result was resolved under an examination of the principles and purposes of mootness. Nonetheless, the sound reasoning employed by the Court in *Kempa* is equally applicable here.

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Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Petitioner respectfully requests this Court grant the Writ of Habeas Corpus and order a new trial based on the ineffective assistance of her previous counsel, Steve E. Evenson, Esq.

DATED: This 19th day of May, 2021.

Mitchell C. Wright, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, am representing myself in this matter, and that I served a true and correct copy of the REPLY TO STATE'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR POST CONVICTION RELIEF by the following:

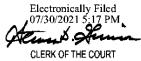
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FINDINGS OF FACT

On September 15, 2017, Petitioner Lisa Nash was found guilty at jury trial of three (3) counts of Child Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment (Category B Felony) and one (1) count of Battery Constituting Domestic Violence (Misdemeanor). At Petitioner's sentencing on April 23, 2018, she was sentenced to a minimum of nineteen (19) months and a maximum of forty-eight (48) months in the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDC) on the three (3) felony counts to run concurrently, which was suspended and she was placed on probation for an indeterminate period not to exceed three (3) years. She was given credit for time served on the misdemeanor count. The Judgment of Conviction was filed on May 7, 2018.

Petitioner appealed her conviction to the Nevada Supreme Court, but the Judgment of Conviction was affirmed on September 18, 2019, and Remittitur issued on October 14, 2019. On March 12, 2020, Petitioner was honorably discharged from probation.

On October 16, 2020, Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) and Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record in proper person. The State filed an Opposition on December 11, 2020. On January 8, 2021, Mitchell Wright, Esq. filed a Notice of Appearance of Counsel. On May 19, 2021, Petitioner filed a Reply.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The ability to file a petition for post-conviction relief is authorized by NRS Chapter 34. NRS 34.360 provides: "Every person unlawfully committed, detained, confined or restrained of his or her liberty, under any pretense whatever, may prosecute a writ of habeas corpus to inquire into the cause of such imprisonment or restraint." Further, NRS 34.724(1) plainly states that a person "convicted of a crime and under sentence of death or imprisonment" may file a post-conviction petition for writ of habeas corpus to challenge the conviction, the sentence, or the computation of time served. The Nevada Constitution also provides, "[t]he District Courts and the Judges thereof shall also have power to issue writs of Habeas Corpus on petition by, or on behalf of any person who is held in actual custody in their respective districts, or who has suffered a criminal conviction in their

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26 27 28 respective districts and has not completed the sentence imposed pursuant to the judgment of conviction." Nev. Const. art. 6 § 6(1) (emphasis added).

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus cannot be filed by a petitioner who is no longer under a sentence of death or imprisonment for the conviction at issue." Coleman v. State, 130 Nev. 190, 193, 321 P.3d 863, 865-866 (2014); see NRS 34.724(1); see also Jackson v. State, 115 Nev. 21, 23, 973 P.2d 241, 242 (1999) (concluding that a petitioner was not entitled to file a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus when he was no longer incarcerated pursuant to the judgment of conviction contested). The Court in Coleman determined that lifetime supervision does not constitute "imprisonment" under NRS 34.724(1), explaining that a sentence of imprisonment "is one that requires a person to be placed in a prison or some other place of confinement." Id. at 193-194, 321 P.3d at 866; citing Black's Law Dictionary 825 (9th ed.2009) (defining "imprison"). The Court held, "a person who is subject only to lifetime supervision is not under a sentence of imprisonment within the meaning of NRS 34.724(1) and therefore cannot file a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus to challenge his sentence." Id. at 195, 321 P.3d at 867. However, the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that "a habeas petition challenging the validity of a judgment of conviction does not become moot when the petitioner, who was in custody at the time the petition was filed, is released from custody subsequent to the filing of the petition." Martinez-Hernandez v. State, 132 Nev. 623, 627, 380 P.3d 861, 864 (2016) (emphasis added).

In this case, Petitioner was honorably discharged from probation on March 12, 2020. Petitioner did not file the instant Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) and Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record until On October 16, 2020, approximately six (6) months later. As Petitioner had already expired her sentence and been discharged from probation, she was no longer eligible to file a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. This is not a case where Petitioner filed the instant Petition before she was released from imprisonment or probation pursuant to the instant Judgment of Conviction. Martinez-Hernandez, 132 Nev. at 627, 380 P.3d 864. Instead, Petitioner's

sentence expired and she was released from probation approximately six (6) months prior to the filing of the instant Petition and Motion. Therefore, this Petition is hereby denied.

Further, because Post-Conviction Habeas matters are to be filed in the "A" case, which is then associated with the underlying criminal case, the criminal case, C308570, is hereby incorporated by reference, and the Petitioner's Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record is therefore moot.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record is DENIED as MOOT.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2021

079 931 80CF 2F76 Kathleen E. Delaney **District Court Judge**

STEVEN B. WOLFSON Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar #001565

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 30, 2021, 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 August 3, 2021.

STEVEN D. GRIERSON, CLERK OF THE COURT

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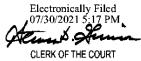
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1 **FFCL** STEVEN B. WOLFSON 2 Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar #001565 3 TALEEN R. PANDUKHT Chief Deputy District Attorney 4 Nevada Bar #005734 200 Lewis Avenue 5 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-2212 (702) 671-2500 6 Attorney for Plaintiff 7 DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 8 9 THE STATE OF NEVADA, 10 Plaintiff, CASE NO: A-20-823213-W 11 -VS-C-15-308570-1 12 **DEPT NO:** XXV LISA NASH, #7011167 13 Defendant. 14 15 FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER 16 DATE OF HEARING: May 19, 2021 17 TIME OF HEARING: 3:00 pm 18 THIS CAUSE having come on for hearing before the Honorable KATHLEEN E. 19 DELANEY, District Judge, on the 19th day of May, 2021, the Petitioner being present, 20 represented by MITCHELL C. WRIGHT, the Respondent being represented by STEVEN B. 21 WOLFSON, Clark County District Attorney, by and through WILLIAM J. MERBACK, 22 Chief Deputy District Attorney, and the Court having considered the matter, including briefs, 23 transcripts, arguments of counsel, and documents on file herein, now therefore, the Court 24 makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law: 25 // 26 // 27 28

Statistically closed: USJR - CV - Summary Judgment (USSUJ)

On September 15, 2017, Petitioner Lisa Nash was found guilty at jury trial of three (3) counts of Child Abuse, Neglect, or Endangerment (Category B Felony) and one (1) count of Battery Constituting Domestic Violence (Misdemeanor). At Petitioner's sentencing on April 23, 2018, she was sentenced to a minimum of nineteen (19) months and a maximum of forty-eight (48) months in the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDC) on the three (3) felony counts to run concurrently, which was suspended and she was placed on probation for an indeterminate period not to exceed three (3) years. She was given credit for time served on the misdemeanor count. The Judgment of Conviction was filed on May 7, 2018.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Petitioner appealed her conviction to the Nevada Supreme Court, but the Judgment of Conviction was affirmed on September 18, 2019, and Remittitur issued on October 14, 2019. On March 12, 2020, Petitioner was honorably discharged from probation.

On October 16, 2020, Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) and Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record in proper person. The State filed an Opposition on December 11, 2020. On January 8, 2021, Mitchell Wright, Esq. filed a Notice of Appearance of Counsel. On May 19, 2021, Petitioner filed a Reply.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The ability to file a petition for post-conviction relief is authorized by NRS Chapter 34. NRS 34.360 provides: "Every person unlawfully committed, detained, confined or restrained of his or her liberty, under any pretense whatever, may prosecute a writ of habeas corpus to inquire into the cause of such imprisonment or restraint." Further, NRS 34.724(1) plainly states that a person "convicted of a crime and under sentence of death or imprisonment" may file a post-conviction petition for writ of habeas corpus to challenge the conviction, the sentence, or the computation of time served. The Nevada Constitution also provides, "[t]he District Courts and the Judges thereof shall also have power to issue writs of Habeas Corpus on petition by, or on behalf of any person who is held in actual custody in their respective districts, or who has suffered a criminal conviction in their

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27 28 respective districts and has not completed the sentence imposed pursuant to the judgment of conviction." Nev. Const. art. 6 § 6(1) (emphasis added).

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus cannot be filed by a petitioner who is no longer under a sentence of death or imprisonment for the conviction at issue." Coleman v. State, 130 Nev. 190, 193, 321 P.3d 863, 865-866 (2014); see NRS 34.724(1); see also Jackson v. State, 115 Nev. 21, 23, 973 P.2d 241, 242 (1999) (concluding that a petitioner was not entitled to file a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus when he was no longer incarcerated pursuant to the judgment of conviction contested). The Court in Coleman determined that lifetime supervision does not constitute "imprisonment" under NRS 34.724(1), explaining that a sentence of imprisonment "is one that requires a person to be placed in a prison or some other place of confinement." Id. at 193-194, 321 P.3d at 866; citing Black's Law Dictionary 825 (9th ed.2009) (defining "imprison"). The Court held, "a person who is subject only to lifetime supervision is not under a sentence of imprisonment within the meaning of NRS 34.724(1) and therefore cannot file a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus to challenge his sentence." Id. at 195, 321 P.3d at 867. However, the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that "a habeas petition challenging the validity of a judgment of conviction does not become moot when the petitioner, who was in custody at the time the petition was filed, is released from custody subsequent to the filing of the petition." Martinez-Hernandez v. State, 132 Nev. 623, 627, 380 P.3d 861, 864 (2016) (emphasis added).

In this case, Petitioner was honorably discharged from probation on March 12, 2020. Petitioner did not file the instant Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) and Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record until On October 16, 2020, approximately six (6) months later. As Petitioner had already expired her sentence and been discharged from probation, she was no longer eligible to file a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. This is not a case where Petitioner filed the instant Petition before she was released from imprisonment or probation pursuant to the instant Judgment of Conviction. Martinez-Hernandez, 132 Nev. at 627, 380 P.3d 864. Instead, Petitioner's

sentence expired and she was released from probation approximately six (6) months prior to the filing of the instant Petition and Motion. Therefore, this Petition is hereby denied.

Further, because Post-Conviction Habeas matters are to be filed in the "A" case, which is then associated with the underlying criminal case, the criminal case, C308570, is hereby incorporated by reference, and the Petitioner's Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record is therefore moot.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion to Take Judicial Notice of the Criminal Case Record is DENIED as MOOT.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2021

079 931 80CF 2F76 Kathleen E. Delaney **District Court Judge**

STEVEN B. WOLFSON Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar #001565

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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Case No.:

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Defendant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LISA A. NASH, Plaintiff, In Pro Per, hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, entered in this action on the 30th day of July, 2021. A Notice of Entry for said Order was filed on August 3, 2021.

DATED: This and day of September, 2021.

LISA A. NASH Plaintiff, In Pro Per

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Plaintiff,

Case No.:

A-20-823213-W

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STATE OF NEVADA,

Defendant.

CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

1. Appellant:

Lisa A. Nash, Self-Represented

2. Judge:

The Honorable Kathleen Delaney

3. Name and Address of Appellant:

Lisa A. Nash 1220 Roberson Lane Fallon, NV 89406

4. Respondent:

State of Nevada William J. Merback, Esq. Steve Wolfson, Esq. Clark County District Attorney's Office

5. Attorney for Appellant:

Self-Represented

6. Date Proceedings Commenced:

October 16, 2020

7. Brief Description of Nature of the Action and Result:

Plaintiff filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus due to ineffective assistance of counsel. At the time of filing, Plaintiff was not incarcerated and was no longer on

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probation. The Writ was, however, timely filed. Petitioner argued that the Writ should be granted because she was restrained of her liberties due to collateral consequences. The Court disagreed; and the Writ was denied as Petitioner was no longer eligible because she was not imprisoned or on probation.

- 8. This case has not previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Nevada Supreme Court. However, the criminal matter to which this case is associated, C-15-308570-1, was the subject of an appeal.
- 9. This is a civil matter stemming from, and associated with, a criminal conviction. This case does not involve child custody or visitation.

DATED: This and day of September, 2021.

LISA A. NASH Plaintiff, In Pro Per

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Steven D. Grierson REQT 1 Lisa A. Nash, Plaintiff 1220 Roberson Lane Fallon, NV 89406 Telephone: (775) 276-1752 3 Self-Represented 4 AFFIRMATION: The undersigned hereby affirms this document does 5 not contain the social security number of any person. 6 DISTRICT COURT 7 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA LISA A. NASH, 8 Plaintiff, Case No.: A-20-823213-W 9 Dept. No.: vs. 10 STATE OF NEVADA. 11 Defendant. 12 13 REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT 14 TO: Court Reporter, Eighth Judicial District Court, Department 25 15 Plaintiff, LISA A. NASH, In Pro Per, hereby requests preparation of the transcript 16 of the proceedings before this District Court as follows: 17 The Honorable Kathleen Delaney 18 Judge: 19 May 19, 2021 Date of Hearing: 20 All Portions of the transcript requested: 21 Number of copies requested: One (1) 22 DATED: This and day of September, 2021. 23

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DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

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Pursuant to Rule 8(b)(2) of the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules, notice is hereby provided that the following electronically filed documents do not conform to the applicable filing requirements: Order to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (Filing Fees/Service Only); Order to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (Transcript Fees Only); Order to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (Bond Only) Titles of Nonconforming Documents: **Plaintiff** Party Submitting Documents for Filing: 09/02/2021 at 6:24 PM; 09/02/2021 at 6:24 PM; Date(s) and Time(s) Submitted for Electronic Filings: 09/02/2021 at 6:24 PM

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I hereby certify that on September 03, 2021, I concurrently filed and served a copy of the foregoing Clerk's Notice of Nonconforming Documents, on the party that submitted the nonconforming documents, via the Eighth Judicial District Court's Electronic Filing and Service System.

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IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK

Case No: A-20-823213-W

Dept No: XXV

CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

1. Appellant(s): Lisa A. Nash

Defendant(s),

2. Judge: Kahtleen Delaney

Plaintiff(s),

3. Appellant(s): Lisa A. Nash

Counsel:

Lisa A. Nash 1220 Roberson Lane Fallon, NV 89406

4. Respondent (s): State of Nevada

Counsel:

Steven B. Wolfson, District Attorney 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89155-2212

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2	 Appellant(s)'s Attorney Licensed in Nevada: N/A Permission Granted: N/A 		
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5	6. Has Appellant Ever Been Represented by Appointed Counsel In District Court: No		
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8	**Expires 1 year from date filed Appellant Filed Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis: Yes,		
9	Date Application(s) filed: September 2, 2021		
10	9. Date Commenced in District Court: October 16, 2020		
11	10. Brief Description of the Nature of the Action: Civil Writ		
12	Type of Judgment or Order Being Appealed: Civil Writ of Habeas Corpus		
13	11. Previous Appeal: No		
14	Supreme Court Docket Number(s): N/A		
15	12. Child Custody or Visitation: N/A		
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Writ of Habeas Corp	us	COURT MINUTES	April 14, 2021
A-20-823213-W	Lisa Nash, Plaintiff(s) vs. The State of Nevada, Defendant(s)		
April 14, 2021	12:00 AM	Minute Order	Minute Order Re- Setting Writ of Habeas Corpus and Motion to Take Judicial Notice
HEARD BY: Delane	ey, Kathleen E.	COURTROOM:	Chambers

COURT CLERK: April Watkins

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- A Notice of Appearance having been filed by Mitchell C. Wright, Esq. confirming representation of Petitioner, Lisa Nash (Petitioner); the matter of the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Petition) having been previously continued at the request of Mr. Wright to permit supplemental briefing, with no opposition from the State; Petitioner thereafter having filed a Notice of Telephonic Appearance indicating Petitioner s In Proper Person status; for the convenience of the Court and good cause appearing therefore, COURT ORDERED the hearing on the Petition currently set for Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. is hereby continued to Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was emailed to Chief Deputy District Attorney, Alexander Chen (alexander.chen@clarkcountyda.com), attorney of record for the State; Mitchell C. Wright, Esq. (mitchwright@wrightlawoffices.com), attorney of record for Petitioner; and Lisa Nash (lisa.goodrich66@gmail.com), Petitioner.

PRINT DATE: 10/18/2021 Page 1 of 2 Minutes Date: April 14, 2021

Writ of Habeas Corpus

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

COURT MINUTES

May 19, 2021

A-20-823213-W Lisa Nash, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

The State of Nevada, Defendant(s)

May 19, 2021 3:00 PM All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Delaney, Kathleen E. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 15B

COURT CLERK: April Watkins

RECORDER:

REPORTER: Bill Nelson

PARTIES

PRESENT: Merback, William J. Attorney

Nash, Lisa A Plaintiff Wright, Mitchell C. Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- PLTF'S MOTION TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF THE CRIMINAL CASE RECORD:

Court stated it is mandated Post-Conviction Habeas matters are to be filed in the "A" case which then will show underlying criminal case and therefore, ORDERED, C308570 incorporated by reference and motion DENIED as MOOT.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS:

Following arguments by counsel, Court stated FINDINGS and ORDERED, petition DENIED. State to prepare order and include the fact the Court denied Motion to Take Judicial Notice as moot. Mr. Wright to review order and if there is a dispute, counsel can submit communication as to what the dispute is or submit competing order. Order to be submitted within 14 days.

PRINT DATE: 10/18/2021 Page 2 of 2 Minutes Date: April 14, 2021

Certification of Copy and Transmittal of Record

State of Nevada County of Clark SS

Pursuant to the Supreme Court order dated October 13, 2021, I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the complete trial court record for the case referenced below. The record comprises one volume with pages numbered 1 through 68.

LISA A. NASH,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-20-823213-W

Dept. No: XXV

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 19 day of October 2021.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk