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3 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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5 SARAH ELIZABETH GRAVELLE,

6 Appellant,

7 CASE NO. 83781

8 vs.

9 THE STATE OF NEVADA,

10 Respondent.  
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12 **FAST TRACK RESPONSE**

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8 **4. Proceedings raising same issues:**

9 None.

10 **5. Statement of Facts:**

11 **A. The traffic stop, investigation, and arrest.**

12 Appellant Sarah Gravelle (“Gravelle”) was stopped by Elko Police  
13 Department (“EPD”) Officer Joshua Taylor on August 22, 2018, for driving  
14 without an operative license plate light. Joint Appendix (“JA”), vol. I, 15-17.  
15 Officer Taylor was a trained “K-9” officer, who had his narcotic detection dog,  
16 “Kyng,” with him at the time. JA, vol. I, 15-16, 42. Upon approaching Gravelle’s  
17 car, Officer Taylor immediately observed the passenger, Nicholas Done, “kind of  
18 move around, look around,” and then put his left hand “down by the seat.” JA,  
19 vol. I, 18, 130. Knowing that Done was a convicted felon with violent tendencies,  
20 and fearing that Done might have been reaching for a weapon, Officer Taylor

1 decided to wait for backup before proceeding further. JA, vol. I, 18-19, 34.

2 After officers removed Done from the car and ensured that he was unarmed,  
3 Officer Taylor went to speak with Gravelle. JA, vol. I, 34. Gravelle admitted that  
4 she was a methamphetamine user and had smoked methamphetamine five days  
5 before. JA, vol. I, 22, 43, 130. Done was also a known methamphetamine user.  
6 *Id.* Gravelle further stated “she had just cleaned out her car after making a trip to  
7 California, and she knew she wanted to clean it out so she didn’t get in trouble for  
8 anything in there, and trouble meaning ... any type of law enforcement actions.”  
9 *Id.* Officer Taylor then asked Gravelle for permission to search her vehicle. JA,  
10 vol. I, 43-44, 130. Gravelle initially said yes, but then became “real nervous, like  
11 knee started bouncing, stuttered a couple of times,” and she asked what would  
12 happen if she said no. *Id.* Officer Taylor explained that he would respect her  
13 decision, but that he would continue his investigation regardless. *Id.* Gravelle  
14 then withdrew her consent. *Id.*

15 Officer Taylor repeatedly instructed Gravelle to exit her vehicle, which she  
16 delayed complying with. JA, vol. I, 23, 130. Officer Taylor then informed  
17 Gravelle that he was going to perform a *Terry* pat for weapons, and asked for  
18 consent to search her pockets. *Id.* Gravelle consented to the pockets search,  
19 where Officer Taylor found a white plastic cap from one end of a hypodermic  
20 needle. *Id.* During this time, Gravelle “was shaking, [and] didn’t want to stop the

1 conversation, which is a typical tactic [Officer Taylor had observed] with people  
2 who want to occupy [him] with conversation rather than allowing [him] to  
3 continue an investigation.” JA, vol. I, 44. Gravelle repeatedly delayed Officer  
4 Taylor’s investigation by calling him back to her to tell him more information.  
5 *Id.*

6 At some point during the initial contact with Gravelle, and before she exited  
7 her vehicle, Officer Taylor asked her for her license. Officer Taylor testified that  
8 he could not “recall if she had a specific license or if she just verbally gave [him]  
9 her information.” JA, vol. I, 32-33. Officer Taylor said that he also would always  
10 ask for registration and insurance documents, but he could not recall specifically  
11 asking Gravelle for them. *Id.*

12 Approximately ten minutes into the traffic stop, Officer Taylor deployed  
13 Kyng, who alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. JA, vol. I, 19-22.  
14 Officers Taylor and Dean Pinkham then proceeded to search the car. Officer  
15 Pinkham located a backpack in the back seat, which contained an orange cap from  
16 the other end of a hypodermic device,<sup>1</sup> receipts in Gravelle’s name, a marijuana  
17 pipe that Gravelle admitted ownership of, and the subject methamphetamine. JA,  
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19 <sup>1</sup> Officer Taylor’s testimony implied that the hypodermic device would have had  
20 a white cap (located in Gravelle’s pocket) on one end and an orange one (located  
in the backpack) on the other end. JA, vol. 1, 24.

1 vol. I, 24-25. Gravelle was then arrested and charged with one count of possession  
2 of a controlled substance, a category E felony. JA, vol. I, 1-5.

3 **B. EPD's body camera program.**

4 NRS 289.830 was amended in 2017 to include an unfunded mandate that  
5 peace officers be equipped with and wear a "portable event recording device,"  
6 more commonly known (and henceforth referred to) as a "body camera," by July  
7 1, 2018. *See* SB 176, 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (2017). Although SB 176  
8 authorized use of E911 surcharges to pay for body cameras, Elko County was  
9 already using those funds to upgrade from basic 911 service. JA, vol. I, 148.  
10 Additionally, by the time the unfunded mandate was enacted, the City of Elko had  
11 already set its 2017/2018 budget. *Id.* Accordingly, local funding was not  
12 available until the 2018/2019 budget cycle. *Id.*

13 EPD obtained an initial quote for body cameras on January 29, 2018, and  
14 proceeded with a public forum, various trials/testing, and other due diligence  
15 throughout the spring of 2018. *Id.* EPD's preferred vendor, AXON, did not join  
16 a statewide procurement contract until June 6, 2018. *Id.* On June 26, 2018, the  
17 Elko City Council approved joining said contract at a cost of \$224,041.20 over  
18 five years. JA, vol. I, 148, 151. EPD then worked with AXON to obtain, program,  
19 and otherwise set up the body camera system (including "CAD integration, RMS  
20 integration, retention categories/times, and population of data fields," as well as

1 physical docking stations to connect the cameras to AXON’s “Evidence.com”  
2 system). JA, vol. I, 148. Due to the time necessary to complete this setup, as well  
3 as train officers on how to use the body cameras, EPD was unable to equip officers  
4 until October 23 or 24, 2018. *Id.*

5 **C. The exhibit list at trial.**

6 When the jury began deliberations on February 20, 2019, the court clerk  
7 accidentally provided them with the exhibit list kept throughout trial, which  
8 referenced both the admitted and unadmitted exhibits.<sup>2</sup> JA vol. I, 214-15; vol. II,  
9 296-97. The court was alerted to the issue when the jury submitted a question:  
10 “why was Exhibit Number 8 not presented in court?” *Id.* The exhibit list was  
11 immediately removed from the jury room, and the parties’ counsel met with the  
12 court in chambers to discuss how to proceed. *Id.* During those off-the-record  
13 discussions, the jury informed the bailiff that they had reached a verdict. *Id.* At  
14 no time was the jury exposed to the actual unadmitted exhibits. Gravelle then  
15 elected to go ahead with taking the verdict, and did not ask for the jury to receive  
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17 <sup>2</sup> The unadmitted exhibit descriptions were: 8 – “Photo (DSCN3307) items from  
18 eyeglass case);” 12 – “Photo (DSCN3311) container with purple bottom;” 13 –  
19 “Certified JOC for case CR-FP-11-0469;” 14 – “Certified JOC for case 3:15-CR-  
20 00055-MMD-VPC;” 15 – “Officer Joshua Taylor’s initial report;” 16 – “Officer  
Joshua Taylor’s K9 sniff report;” 17 – “Washoe County Crime Lab forensic  
report;” and A – “Declaration of Probable Cause for Nicholas Done.” JA, vol. I,  
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1 a curative instruction and then continue deliberating in light thereof. *Id.* Gravelle  
2 subsequently filed a (first) written motion to declare a mistrial.<sup>3</sup> JA, vol. I, 181-  
3 86.

4 The court then held a hearing, where it asked eleven of the twelve jurors a  
5 set of pre-arranged questions, which were drafted in consultation with the parties  
6 to determine what the jurors understood regarding the exhibit list and the  
7 associated abbreviations. JA, vol. I, 216-17. “None of the jurors knew what a  
8 ‘JOC’ is or what those letters stand for. None of the jurors knew what ‘CR’ was  
9 in reference to the case numbers. Only one of the jurors considered the case to be  
10 a close call.” *Id.* The district court, accordingly, denied Gravelle’s motion. JA,  
11 vol. I, 214-20.

12 **6. Issues on Appeal:**

13 I. Did the district court commit reversible error by denying  
14 Gravelle’s motion to suppress evidence?

15 II. Did the district court commit reversible error by denying  
16 Gravelle’s motion to dismiss?

17 III. Did the district court commit reversible error by denying  
18 Gravelle’s first motion to declare a mistrial?

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20 <sup>3</sup> Gravelle filed a second motion to declare a mistrial, which is not argued in this  
appeal. *See* JA, vol. I, 202-05.

1    **7.    Legal Argument:**

2           **I.    The district court did not err by denying Gravelle’s motion to**  
3               **suppress evidence.**

4           Gravelle misportrays the issue as whether “Officer Taylor had reasonable  
5 suspicion to *prolong* the stop and run the drug dog.”<sup>4</sup> In both of two cases relied  
6 upon by Gravelle,<sup>5</sup> the officers *completed* the initial traffic enforcement stop and  
7 then *prolonged* the detention by keeping the driver detained until a dog sniff could  
8 occur. In *Beckman*: “The highway patrol officer verified Beckman’s license and  
9 registration, told him ‘everything checks good,’ and issued a warning. As  
10 Beckman began to leave, the officer ordered him to remain until a drug-sniffing  
11 dog and handler team could arrive.”<sup>6</sup> Similarly, in *Rodriguez*, the officer issued  
12 a written warning to the defendant, gave the defendant and his passenger back  
13 their documents, but ordered the defendant out of the vehicle, in order to wait for  
14 a second officer and a dog sniff.<sup>7</sup>

15           Here, the initial traffic stop was still *ongoing* when Officer Taylor  
16 conducted the dog sniff with Kyng, and thus never prolonged. There is no  
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18    <sup>4</sup> Appellant’s Fast Track Statement at 12 (emphasis added).

19    <sup>5</sup> *State v. Beckman*, 129 Nev. 481, 305 P.3d 912 (2013); and *Rodriguez v. United*  
20    *States*, 575 U.S. 348 (2015).

20    <sup>6</sup> *Beckman*, 129 Nev. at 483, 305 P.3d at 914.

20    <sup>7</sup> *Rodriguez*, 575 U.S. at 352.

1 evidence that Officer Taylor’s detention of Gravelle ever crossed the line “beyond  
2 the time required to process the traffic offense.”<sup>8</sup> The initial traffic stop in  
3 *Rodriguez* took approximately twenty-one or twenty-two minutes, while the stop  
4 in *Beckman* took approximately nine minutes.<sup>9</sup> Officer Taylor deployed Kyng  
5 around ten minutes into the stop, which is completely reasonable when  
6 remembering that he initially had to wait for backup because of Nicholas Done’s  
7 suspicious movements and dangerous history.<sup>10</sup> Hence, the stop was never  
8 prolonged, and no further analysis is needed to affirm the district court’s  
9 decision.<sup>11</sup>

10 Even if the stop was prolonged, however, any of the three legal  
11 justifications—consent, a “de minimis” extension, or “reasonable articulable  
12 suspicion of criminal activity”<sup>12</sup>—would protect Officer Taylor’s actions. First,  
13 Gravelle contributed to, and thereby consented to, some of the delays. Gravelle  
14 initially consented to the search, but then withdrew her consent. She also  
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16 <sup>8</sup> See *Beckman*, 129 Nev. at 484, 305 P.3d at 915.

17 <sup>9</sup> See *id.*; *Rodriguez*, 575 U.S. at 351-52.

18 <sup>10</sup> Gravelle complains that Officer Taylor did not focus on the reason for the initial  
19 stop, but she ignores (1) that Officer Taylor obtained Gravelle’s information, (2)  
20 that his initial primary focus was on Done, and (3) that the situation was rapidly  
evolving. See JA, vol. I, 22-24, 32-35, 42-43. These circumstances further  
demonstrate the reasonableness of the ten-minute stop.

<sup>11</sup> Cf. *Illinois v. Caballes*, 543 U.S. 405, 406-09 (2005).

<sup>12</sup> *Beckman*, 129 Nev. at 484, 305 P.3d at 915.

1 intentionally delayed Officer Taylor’s investigation, by delaying exiting her  
2 vehicle, trying to prolong the conversation, and then calling Officer Taylor back  
3 over to her.<sup>13</sup> But for these delays, Officer Taylor would have been able to  
4 complete the sniff in less time than it took the officer in *Beckman* to issue a simple  
5 oral warning.

6 Second, any delay was de minimis. In both *Beckman* and *Rodriguez*,  
7 officers had to wait approximately five to ten minutes after completing the traffic  
8 stop to conduct the dog sniff.<sup>14</sup> Here, there was absolutely no downtime in  
9 deploying Kyng. Even if Gravelle wants to argue that the stop should only have  
10 taken nine minutes (like in *Beckman*, despite the substantial factual differences),  
11 the approximate one-minute delay in deploying Kyng was as de minimis as can  
12 be, and less than that deemed de minimis by other jurisdictions.<sup>15</sup>

13 Finally, Officer Taylor developed substantial reasonable suspicion of  
14 narcotics activity associated with Gravelle’s vehicle. “The concept of reasonable  
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16 <sup>13</sup> JA, vol. I, 23, 43-45.

17 <sup>14</sup> See *Beckman*, 129 Nev. at 484-85, 305 P.3d at 915 (the trooper issued the verbal  
18 warning at approximately 7:19 and the dog arrived at 7:29); *Rodriguez*, 575 U.S.  
at 352 (the officer issued the written warning at approximately 12:27 or 12:28 and  
the dog arrived at 12:33).

19 <sup>15</sup> See, e.g., *United States v. McBride*, 635 F.3d 879, 883 (7th Cir. 2011) (two-  
20 minute delay); *United States v. Chaney*, 584 F.3d 20, 26 (1st Cir. 2009) (two-  
minute delay); *United States v. Alexander*, 448 F.3d 1014, 1017 (8th Cir. 2006)  
(four-minute delay).

1 suspicion is ‘not readily, or even usefully, reduced to a neat set of legal rules.’”<sup>16</sup>  
2 However, it “must be determined with an objective eye in light of the totality of  
3 the circumstances.”<sup>17</sup> Here, Officer Taylor knew Done to be a methamphetamine  
4 user, Gravelle admitted to the same, Gravelle admitted to smoking  
5 methamphetamine five days before, Gravelle said that she had recently cleaned  
6 out her car to avoid getting in trouble with police, Gravelle was acting extremely  
7 nervously and tried to delay the investigation, and Gravelle had a cap to a  
8 hypodermic device in her pocket.<sup>18</sup> Taken together, the totality of these clues  
9 created articulable, reasonable suspicion of criminal activity, and Officer Taylor  
10 was legally justified in detaining Gravelle long enough to conduct the dog sniff.  
11 Hence, the district court’s order denying Gravelle’s motion to suppress should be  
12 affirmed.

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17 <sup>16</sup> *United States v. Woods*, 829 F.3d 675, 679 (8th Cir. 2016) (quoting *Illinois v. Gates*, 462 U.S. 213, 232 (1983)).

18 <sup>17</sup> *State v. Lisenbee*, 116 Nev. 1124, 1128, 13 P.3d 947, 950 (2000).

19 <sup>18</sup> Gravelle erroneously attempts to portray her denying consent as the true basis  
20 for Officer Taylor’s decision to deploy Kyng. See Appellant’s Fast Track Statement at 18. In reality, Officer Taylor had ample reasonable suspicion, he simply chose to give Gravelle the opportunity to consent. When she said no, he merely proceeded with his planned investigation.

1           **II.     The district court did not err by denying Gravelle’s motion to**  
2                           **dismiss.**

3           Gravelle argues that, for all practical purposes, every single EPD case from  
4 July 1 to October 23, 2018, must be automatically dismissed as a matter of law  
5 because the City of Elko experienced delays in implementing its body camera  
6 program pursuant to NRS 289.830. This is an absurd and legally baseless  
7 position, which seeks to replace the rule of law with literal anarchy,<sup>19</sup> not only in  
8 the City of Elko, but also in every other Nevada community that experienced  
9 similar delays.<sup>20</sup> Nevada law affirmatively requires peace officers to enforce the  
10 laws, keep the peace, and make certain arrests.<sup>21</sup> According to Gravelle, however,  
11 all of these laws are trumped, and all other criminal laws must go unenforced,  
12 where a police department failed to equip officers with body cameras before July  
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14 <sup>19</sup> A “total lack of police power is the definition of anarchy, of chaos.” *See*  
15 *Brayton v. City of New Brighton*, 519 N.W.2d 243, 248 (Minn. Ct. App. 1994).

16 <sup>20</sup> For example, both the North Las Vegas and Henderson police departments  
17 failed to meet the July 1, 2018, deadline. *See North Las Vegas police yet to deploy*  
18 *state-required body cameras*, LAS VEGAS REV. J. (Mar. 14, 2019, 8:12pm)  
19 [https://www.reviewjournal.com/crime/north-las-vegas-police-yet-to-deploy-](https://www.reviewjournal.com/crime/north-las-vegas-police-yet-to-deploy-state-required-body-cameras-1618524/)  
20 [state-required-body-cameras-1618524/](https://www.reviewjournal.com/crime/north-las-vegas-police-yet-to-deploy-state-required-body-cameras-1618524/).

<sup>21</sup> *See, e.g.*, NRS 171.1231 (a detained suspect “shall be arrested if probable cause  
for an arrest appears”); NRS 171.137 (requiring arrest for domestic battery); NRS  
199.270 (refusal to make an arrest may constitute a misdemeanor); NRS 268.310  
(requiring city police to keep the peace); NRS 248.090 (requiring sheriffs to “keep  
and preserve the peace in their respective counties, and quiet and suppress all  
affrays, riots and insurrections”).

1 1, 2018. This ludicrous argument must be rejected, lest all the laws but NRS  
2 289.830 go unexecuted, the government itself go to pieces, and chaos overwhelm  
3 the judicial system as thousands of similar cases are dismissed or overturned.<sup>22</sup>

4 Gravelle couches her argument as an alleged failure to collect evidence, but  
5 the district court correctly held that she was not entitled to a dismissal under the  
6 *Daniels* test.<sup>23</sup> “[P]olice officers generally have no duty to collect all potential  
7 evidence from a crime scene.”<sup>24</sup> To obtain a dismissal, a defendant must meet  
8 both parts of the *Daniels* test. “The first part requires the defense to show that the  
9 evidence was ‘material,’ meaning that there is a reasonable probability that, had  
10 the evidence been available to the defense, the result of the proceedings would  
11 have been different.”<sup>25</sup> Second, the defense must show that “the failure to gather  
12 evidence was the result of ... a bad faith attempt to prejudice the defendant’s  
13 case.”<sup>26</sup> Even where a trial court finds bad faith, dismissal is a discretionary, not  
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16 <sup>22</sup> Cf. Abraham Lincoln, July 4th Message to Congress (July 4, 1861), *available*  
17 *at*: [https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/july-4-1861-](https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/july-4-1861-july-4th-message-congress)  
18 [july-4th-message-congress](https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/july-4-1861-july-4th-message-congress).

19 <sup>23</sup> See *Daniels v. State*, 114 Nev. 261, 956 P.2d 111 (1998) (adopting two-part test  
20 from *State v. Ware*, 881 P.2d 679 (N.M. 1994)).

<sup>24</sup> *Daniels*, 114 Nev. at 257, 956 P.2d at 115 (quoting *Ware*, 881 P.2d at 684).

<sup>25</sup> *Id.* (citing *Ware*, 881 P.2d at 685).

<sup>26</sup> *Id.* (citing *Ware*, 881 P.2d at 685-86). Note that other lesser remedies are  
available in the case of gross negligence, but Gravelle has never asked or argued  
for these.

1 mandatory, remedy.<sup>27</sup> Here, Gravelle cannot meet either part of the *Daniels* test,  
2 and the district court’s denial of her motion to dismiss should be affirmed.

3 First and foremost, Gravelle has failed to show that the body camera  
4 footage is material. Gravelle’s only argument is the conclusory statement that the  
5 footage “would be material to ... which party in the vehicle had dominion and  
6 control of the contraband ... or to whether both did, plus whether reasonable  
7 suspicion was developed.”<sup>28</sup> Gravelle fails to elaborate further, or to articulate  
8 “how the result of the proceedings would have been different” with the body  
9 camera footage.<sup>29</sup> Gravelle’s bare conclusory statement could not suffice to create  
10 an issue of material fact in a civil case, much less meet her burden “to show that  
11 the evidence was ‘material.’”<sup>30</sup> Accordingly, this Court need not proceed with  
12 further analysis and should affirm the district court’s decision.

13 Delving into the specific facts, however, further illustrates the speciousness  
14 of Gravelle’s argument. Gravelle never states what she believes the body cameras  
15 would have shown, and any such statement would amount to speculation. At best,  
16 one would expect the body cameras to have provided cumulative evidence,  
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19 <sup>27</sup> *See id.*

<sup>28</sup> Appellant’s Fast Track Statement at 20.

<sup>29</sup> *See Daniels*, 114 Nev. at 267, 956 P.2d at 115.

<sup>30</sup> *See id.*; *Michaels v. Sudeck*, 107 Nev. 332, 334, 810 P.2d 1212, 1213 (1991).

1 duplicative of Officer Taylor’s testimony.<sup>31</sup> Officer Taylor’s testimony regarding  
2 Done’s movements in the car were uncontested at trial. The body camera showing  
3 what Officer Taylor saw would have added nothing. Likewise, Officer Taylor  
4 testified extensively about the basis for his reasonable suspicion, and his actions  
5 during the initial approximately ten-minute traffic stop.<sup>32</sup> At most the body  
6 camera would have shown the exact time that Officer Taylor deployed Kyng, but  
7 as discussed *supra*, the exact minute or second is not dispositive. Accordingly, it  
8 is impossible for Gravelle to show that the body camera footage would have  
9 resulted in a different outcome.

10 Gravelle has likewise failed to show that Officers Taylor or Pinkham acted  
11 in “a bad faith attempt to prejudice [her] case.”<sup>33</sup> Gravelle’s argument relies  
12 exclusively upon the conclusory statement that “[i]t seems ludicrous to suggest  
13 that an officer’s willful violation of a statute can amount to anything other than  
14 bad faith,” but Gravelle never even attempts to distinguish bad faith from ordinary  
15 negligence or gross negligence.<sup>34</sup> Generally speaking, *the violation of a statute*  
16 *only constitutes negligence per se*.<sup>35</sup> Bad faith requires far more, such as

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18 <sup>31</sup> The cameras are typically located on officers’ chests, therefore they would  
likely have captured less than what he could observe higher up with his eyes.

19 <sup>32</sup> See, e.g., JA, vol. I, 21-24, 31-38.

<sup>33</sup> See *Daniels*, 114 Nev. at 267, 956 P.2d at 115.

<sup>34</sup> See Appellant’s Fast Track Statement at 21.

20 <sup>35</sup> See, e.g., *Barnes v. Delta Lines*, 99 Nev. 688, 690, 669 P.2d 709, 710 (1983).

1 evidence of “official animus,” “a conscious effort to suppress exculpatory  
2 evidence,” or “malicious intent.”<sup>36</sup>

3       There is absolutely no evidence in the record of any animus, malice, or  
4 intent to harm Gravelle. First, Officers Taylor and Pinkham were reliant upon  
5 EPD to equip them with body cameras. Their failure to wear cameras they did  
6 not possess cannot be considered “bad faith” and was certainly not “willful.”  
7 Second, even if analyzed at the department level,<sup>37</sup> EPD’s delays in implementing  
8 its body camera program at most constituted mere negligence. Gravelle  
9 continuously describes the officers’ or EPD’s conduct as “willful,” but the  
10 uncontested evidence (*see* JA, vol. I, 148) shows that EPD engaged in extensive  
11 due diligence and reasonable efforts to implement the unfunded body camera  
12 mandate. The State believes these efforts were reasonable and did not rise to the  
13 level of negligence, but even if they were negligent that is still a far cry from bad  
14 faith. Hence, Gravelle has failed to show either part of the *Daniels* test, and the  
15 district court’s order denying her motion to dismiss should be affirmed.<sup>38</sup>

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17 <sup>36</sup> *See California v. Trombetta*, 467 U.S. 479, 488 (1984); *United States v.*  
18 *Estrada*, 453 F.3d 1208, 1213 (9th Cir. 2006).

18 <sup>37</sup> Which seems suspect, and which Gravelle does not appear to advocate.

19 <sup>38</sup> The order could also be affirmed on the grounds that the Legislature did not  
20 enact any remedy for violations of NRS 289.830, nor did the statute create a new  
individual right for defendants. The statute was enacted to improve police  
transparency and accountability, especially in relation to police use of force, not

1           **III.   The district court did not err by denying Gravelle’s first motion**  
2                           **to declare a mistrial.**

3           Gravelle complains that she was entitled to a mistrial after the court clerk  
4 accidentally provided the jury with the list of all exhibits. Although the jury was  
5 never exposed to any evidence that was not admitted at trial (only the exhibit list),  
6 the district court analyzed the prejudice under the *Winiarz* criteria: “[1] whether  
7 the issue [of] innocence or guilt is close, [2] the quantity and character of the error,  
8 and [3] the gravity of the crime charged.”<sup>39</sup> The district court correctly  
9 determined that all three factors demonstrate that Gravelle suffered no prejudice  
10 from the clerk’s error.

11           First, the issue of innocence or guilt was not close. Of the eleven jurors  
12 questioned by the court, ***only one*** thought that it was a “close call.”<sup>40</sup> The  
13 methamphetamine was found in a backpack in Gravelle’s car, which also  
14 contained receipts in Gravelle’s name, a marijuana pipe that Gravelle admitted  
15 ownership of, and an orange cap for a hypodermic device matching the other end  
16 of the cap found in Gravelle’s pocket.<sup>41</sup> Furthermore, Gravelle admitted to being

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18 to gather more evidence on behalf of criminal defendants. That evidence may be  
collected by body cameras is merely a side effect of their primary purpose.

19 <sup>39</sup> *Winiarz v. State*, 107 Nev. 812, 820 P.2d 1317, 1318 (1991) (quoting  
20 *Rowbottom v. State*, 105 Nev. 472, 486, 779 P.2d 934, 943 (1989)).

<sup>40</sup> JA, vol. I, 217.

<sup>41</sup> JA, vol. I, 24-25.

1 a methamphetamine user and to smoking methamphetamine only five days prior.  
2 Gravelle tries to make light of the possibility that the methamphetamine also  
3 belonged to Done, but the jury was properly instructed on the theory of joint  
4 constructive possession.<sup>42</sup> Likewise, although Officer Taylor observed Done  
5 reach next to his seat, there was no evidence that he reached backwards in the  
6 direction of the backpack where the methamphetamine was located.<sup>43</sup> There was  
7 also no other evidence tying Done to the backpack. Accordingly, it is  
8 unreasonable and unrealistic to characterize this as a “close” case.

9 Second, the character of the error was minimal. Gravelle tries to compare  
10 this to the error in *Winiarz*, but that involved the jury receiving “the clerk’s notes  
11 from the first trial, containing the original verdict of first degree murder with use  
12 of a deadly weapon and the sentence of life in prison without the possibility of  
13 parole.”<sup>44</sup> By contrast, the exhibit list here contained nothing even remotely  
14 prejudicial. Gravelle complains about the list mentioning the weight of the  
15 methamphetamine, but her only objection at trial was that the weight did not have  
16 “any relevance” because “it doesn’t make any fact more likely than not.”<sup>45</sup>  
17 Gravelle cannot now switch tacks to complain that the weight is somehow

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18 <sup>42</sup> See JA, vol. II, 289-290 (instruction number 11).

19 <sup>43</sup> See, e.g., JA, vol. II, 236, 277.

20 <sup>44</sup> *Winiarz*, 820 P.3d at 1318.

<sup>45</sup> JA, vol. II, 282.

1 prejudicial. Similarly, Gravelle complains about the reference to “JOCs,” based  
2 only upon wild speculation that the eleven jurors perjured themselves when they  
3 testified that they had no idea what a “JOC” was or what those exhibit descriptions  
4 referred to.<sup>46</sup>

5 Third, the crime charged is a category E felony, which is the second lowest  
6 level of crime triable in district court (after gross misdemeanors). This is instantly  
7 distinguishable from the other cases, like *Winiarz*, which dealt with the most  
8 serious category A felonies.

9 Finally, Gravelle repeatedly complains that she was never given “an  
10 opportunity [for] a curative instruction,”<sup>47</sup> but she waived this issue by never  
11 asking for one.<sup>48</sup> “Failure to object to or request a jury instruction precludes  
12 appellate review, unless the error is patently prejudicial and requires the court to  
13 act sua sponte to protect the defendant’s right to a fair trial.”<sup>49</sup> This is clearly not  
14 such a case, and Gravelle fails to even articulate what curative instruction she  
15 wishes had been given. Hence, the district court correctly denied Gravelle’s first  
16 motion to declare a mistrial.

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18 <sup>46</sup> See JA, vol. I, 217.

19 <sup>47</sup> Appellant’s Fast Track Statement at 25-26.

20 <sup>48</sup> See JA, vol. II, 297.

<sup>49</sup> *McKenna v. State*, 114 Nev. 1044, 1052, 968 P.2d 739, 745 (1998).

1 **8. Preservation of issues:**

2 The State concurs that Gravelle has preserved the issues raised in this fast  
3 track appeal, with the exception of her failure to request a curative jury instruction  
4 after the jury received the wrong exhibit list.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of February 2022.

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