IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Defendant.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO,

Petitioner,	Case No. CR18-1654
vs.	Dept. No. 9
ΓΗΕ STATE OF NEVADA,	
Respondent.	/
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MOTION TO DISMISS IN PART

COMES NOW, the State of Nevada, by and through CHRISTOPHER J. HICKS, District Attorney, and Kevin Naughton, Appellate Deputy, and moves this Honorable Court to partially dismiss the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) and the Supplemental Petition in Support of a Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) filed by Petitioner Luigy Richard Lopez-Delgado (hereinafter, "Petitioner"). This Motion is based on the pleadings and papers on file with this Court, and the following points and authorities.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Procedural History

The Petitioner was charged with numerous felonies in an Information filed September 26, 2018. At that time, the Petitioner was charged with two counts of Statutory Sexual Seduction by Person Age 21 or Older, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; one count of Use or Permit Minor, Under Age 18, to Produce Pornography, a category A felony, punishable by life imprisonment with parole eligibility after five years; one count of Possess Visual Pornography of Person Under Age 16, First Offense, a category B felony, punishable by one to six years in prison; two counts of Lewdness With Child Older Than 14, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; one count of Lure or Attempt to Lure a Child With the Use of Computer Technology to Engage in Sexual Conduct, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; and one gross misdemeanor count of Attempting to Prevent or Dissuade a Witness from Testifying.

The Petitioner substantially reduced his potential exposure by entering into plea negotiations whereby he pled guilty to just three counts in exchange for a joint recommendation with the State for an aggregate sentence of 48 to 120 months imprisonment. *See* Guilty Plea Memorandum filed December 13, 2018. The Petitioner pled guilty to one count of Statutory Sexual Seduction by Person Age 21 or Older; one count of Possess Visual Pornography of Person Under Age 16, First Offense; and one count of Lewdness With Child Older Than 14. *Id*.

At sentencing, the parties adhered to the plea negotiations and recommended the agreed upon sentence. *See* Transcript of Proceedings, Sentencing, March 14, 2019. The Court imposed the sentences recommended by the parties but, instead of running them

all concurrently as the parties requested, the Court opted to run one of the counts consecutively for an aggregate sentence of 76 to 192 months imprisonment.

The Petitioner unsuccessfully appealed his sentence, alleging that the Court abused its discretion. The Court of Appeals rejected the Petitioner's contentions and entered an Order of Affirmance on February 18, 2020. *See* Lopez-Delgado v. State, Docket No. 78472-COA.

On June 10, 2020, the Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) ("Petition"). On October 26, 2020, the Petitioner filed a "Supplement Brief." Counsel was appointed for the Petitioner and filed a Supplemental Petition in Support of a Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) ("Supplemental Petition") on April 8, 2021. This Motion to Partially Dismiss follows.

Argument

The Petition, Supplement Brief, and Supplemental Petition set forth a number of grounds. The Petition appears to set forth between four and nine grounds for relief.

The Supplement Brief is nearly incomprehensible but might set forth a ground on its own. And the Supplemental Petition sets forth three grounds for relief. There is a lack of consistent numbering both within and across all three of these pleadings (for instance the Petition lists "Ground one" three times while the Supplemental Petition uses letters to identify its assertions). To keep them all straight, the State will address each ground individually.

1. Applicable authorities

A district court reviews claims of ineffective assistance of trial counsel under Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 686-87 (1984); *see also* Kirksey v. State, 112 Nev. 980, 987, 923 P.2d 1102, 1107 (1996). Under Strickland, to prevail on a claim of

ineffective assistance of trial counsel, a petitioner must establish two elements: (1) counsel provided deficient performance, and (2) "the deficient performance prejudiced the defense." <u>Kirksey</u>, 112 Nev. 987, 923 P.2d at 107. To prove deficient performance, a petitioner must show that counsel's performance fell below an objective standard of reasonableness. *Id*.

To prove prejudice, a petitioner must demonstrate "a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, the result of the trial would have been different." *Id.* at 988, 923 P.2d at 1107. "A reasonable probability is a probability sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome." <u>Strickland</u>, 466 U.S. at 694. Counsel's performance is measured by an objective standard of reasonableness which takes into consideration prevailing professional norms and the totality of the circumstances. <u>Strickland</u>, 466 U.S. at 688; *accord*, <u>Homick v. State</u>, 112 Nev. 304, 913 P.2d 1280 (1996). An insufficient showing on either element of the <u>Strickland</u> standard requires denial of the claim. <u>Kirksey</u>, 112 Nev. at 988, 923 P.2d at 1107.

The court's view of counsel's performance must be highly deferential, with every effort being taken to eliminate the distorting effects of hindsight. Strickland, 466 U.S. at 689, 691. In making a fair assessment of counsel's performance, the trial court must reconstruct the circumstances of counsel's challenged conduct and evaluate that challenged act or omission from counsel's perspective at the time, while remaining perfectly mindful that counsel is "strongly presumed to have rendered adequate assistance and made all significant decisions in the exercise of reasonable professional judgment." *Id.* at 689-90. Accordingly, trial counsel's strategic or tactical decisions will be "virtually unchallengeable absent extraordinary circumstances." <u>Doleman v. State</u>,

112 Nev. 843, 848, 921 P.2d 278, 280 (1996) quoting Howard v. State, 106 Nev. 713, 722, 800 P.2d 175, 180 (1990).

A petitioner must demonstrate the facts underlying a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel by a preponderance of the evidence, and a district court's factual findings regarding a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel are entitled to deference on appeal. Means v. State, 120 Nev. 1001, 1012, 103 P.3d 25, 33 (2004); Riley v. State, 110 Nev. 638, 647, 878 P.2d 272, 278 (1994). Habeas claims must consist of more than bare allegations, and an evidentiary hearing on a habeas petition is mandated only if a petitioner asserts specific factual allegations that, if true, would warrant relief and are not belied or repelled by the record. Hargrove v. State, 100 Nev. 498, 686 P.2d 222 (1984); Nika v. State, 124 Nev. 1272, 198 P.3d 839 (2008).

2. Ground one as set forth in the Petition at pages 3 and 4

As noted above, the Petition lists "Ground one" three times: at page 3, page 4, and page 6. The first two instances of "Ground one" appear to be related to one another but the third iteration makes different allegations entirely.

Ground one as set forth at pages 3 and 4 alleges, *inter alia*, that the Petitioner was "prejudiced at sentencing" because the Court disregarded the joint recommendation of the parties and ran two of his sentences consecutively to each other instead of concurrently as recommended by the parties. The Petitioner asserts that he was entitled to specific performance according to the "contract clause" and requests that he be resentenced in accordance with the terms of the plea negotiation.

This claim should be denied without a hearing. A judge is not a party to negotiations and is not bound to follow the negotiations of the parties. *See* Cripps v. State, 122 Nev. 764, 136 P.3d 1187 (2006). Moreover, the Petitioner was warned that the

Court was not bound by the parties' negotiations in the Guilty Plea Memorandum and that the Court alone would determine his sentence. *See* Guilty Plea Memorandum, p. 7. Additionally, the Petitioner's reliance on <u>Santobello v. New York</u>, 404 U.S. 257 (1971) for the proposition that the Court was bound to follow the negotiations of the parties is misplaced. As recognized by the Nevada Supreme Court, <u>Santobello</u> is "[t]he seminal United States Supreme Court decision regarding *the government's* breach of a plea agreement...." <u>Echeverria v. State</u>, 119 Nev. 41, 43, 62 P.3d 743, 745 (2003) (emphasis added). Because this ground fails to set forth a claim which would warrant relief, it should be denied without a hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*.

3. Ground two as set forth in the Petition at page 3

The Petition lists "Ground two" on pages 3, 4, and 7. Each of the grounds appears to allege a different issue and thus, this Motion will deal with each separately.

Ground two as set forth at page 3 of the Petition asserts that the Court can vacate or modify a sentence "if the interest of justice so requires." The Petition cites NRS 176.555 in support of this contention. The Petition further alleges "[a] presumption of vindictiveness" because "the sentence was disproportionate excessive [sic]" and that the Petitioner was misadvised "about life time supervision concerning parole eligibility."

NRS 176.555 allows a court to correct an illegal sentence at any time. An illegal sentence is "one at variance with the controlling sentencing statute, or illegal in the sense that the court goes beyond its authority by acting without jurisdiction or imposing a sentence in excess of the statutory maximum provided." Edwards v. State, 112 Nev. 704, 708, 918 P.2d 321, 324 (1996). Additionally, a motion to correct an illegal sentence is not governed by the habeas statutes and instead is its own "separate criminal proceeding." *Id*, 112 Nev. at 709, 918 P.2d at 325. Thus, the inclusion of a claim

regarding an illegal sentence in a habeas petition is procedurally defective and this portion of the ground should be dismissed.

The rest of the claim should also be dismissed without an evidentiary hearing. It appears that the Petitioner seeks to allege that counsel was ineffective because he was "misadvised" about the effect of lifetime supervision as a sex offender on his parole eligibility. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "Nevada's sex offender registration and notification requirement is a collateral consequence of a guilty plea...." Nollette v. State, 118 Nev. 341, 347, 46 P.3d 87, 91 (2002). The Nollette court went on to hold that counsel was not ineffective for failing to advise the petitioner that he might lose his professional licenses as a result of his sex offender registration, *i.e.*, a collateral consequence; instead, the court held that "[w]e cannot say that a lawyer's representation of a defendant rises to the level of constitutionally ineffective assistance based solely on an abstract claim that a particular consequence was significant: only advisements of direct consequences are required." *Id*, 118 Nev. at 349-50, 46 P.3d at 93. Moreover, the claim is bare and naked as it does not assert what or how counsel allegedly misadvised him. As a result, it should be denied without a hearing. *See* Nika, supra; Hargrove, supra.

4. Ground two as set forth in the Petition at page 4

This iteration of Ground two alleges that the Petitioner's "guilty plea is invalid" because "counsel made no tactical decision to investigate." The claim is wholly devoid of any information as to what counsel should have done to investigate or what counsel might have discovered in the course of such an investigation that would have caused the Petitioner not to enter his plea and instead opt for jury trial. Because this claim is

unsupported by any facts, it is naked and bare and must be denied without a hearing.

See Nika, supra; Hargrove, supra.

5. Ground three as set forth in the Petition at page 5

This ground asserts that the Petitioner received ineffective assistance of counsel because "counsel failed to inform [him] he had a right to withdraw his plea for any fair and just reason before and after his sentencing, he should have proceeded to trial, there was no investigation, counsel never prepared for trial." It also asserts that the Petitioner "was misadvized [sic]" and that "it was abouse [sic] of descretion [sic] for the court not to investigate into a conflict between attorney and [defendant]."

First, this ground is incorrect in its recitation of the law surrounding withdrawal of a guilty plea. A plea may be withdrawn before sentencing if it would be fair and just based upon the court's review of the totality of the circumstances. Stevenson v. State, 131 Nev. 598, 603, 354 P.3d 1277, 1281 (2015). After sentence has been imposed, a post-conviction habeas petition takes the place of a motion to withdraw a guilty plea. See Harris v. State, 130 Nev. 435, 329 P.3d 619 (2014). After sentencing, a guilty plea may be withdrawn "to correct manifest injustice" or based upon an invalid guilty plea. Harris, 130 Nev. at 448, 329 P.3d at 628. The rule is not that a defendant has an unfettered right to withdraw his plea at any time for any fair and just reason. The Petition fails to identify at what stage of the proceedings he believes he could have sought to withdraw his plea. Additionally, the Petition fails to identify what "fair and just reason" the Petitioner would have had to seek withdrawal of his plea or what manifest injustice might exist now. Thus, it fails to set forth information that, if true, would entitle the Petitioner to relief and it should be denied without a hearing. See Nika, supra; Hargrove, supra.

This ground also sets forth the same vague and wholly unsupported contention that "there was no investigation" without identifying what counsel should have done to investigate or what an investigation would have uncovered that would have resulted in the Petitioner refusing to plead guilty (thereby substantially reducing his potential prison time) and instead insist on going to trial. Thus, it is similarly a naked and bare claim and should be dismissed without an evidentiary hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*.

Finally, the Petitioner fails to explain what it means when he asserts that he "was misadvized [sic]" or what the conflict was between himself and counsel. This claim is wholly unsupported by any factual information that would entitle him to relief and it should be denied without an evidentiary hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*.

6. Ground four as set forth in the Petition at page 5

This ground alleges that the Petitioner received ineffective assistance of counsel on appeal. The Petition claims that "grounds for requested relife [sic] where [sic] not raised on direct appeal." The Petition fails to identify those grounds or explain why they would have resulted in relief. The Petitioner's claim that the grounds are complex and he is therefore entitled to a direct appeal is unpersuasive. The complexity of potential issues on appeal is not justification in support of a direct appeal but instead are a qualitative description of potential issues. As this claim is bare and naked and unsupported by any facts, it should be denied without a hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*.

7. Ground one as set forth in the Petition at page 6

This ground claims that the Petitioner's guilty plea "was a manifest injustice," that he should have proceeded to trial, and that at the time he did insist on going to trial.

Reading this ground charitably, it could be inferred that the Petitioner asserts that his plea was entered involuntarily or unknowingly and that he was coerced into pleading instead of going to trial. As a result, it appears that this ground might assert sufficient facts that, if true, would warrant relief and it should proceed to an evidentiary hearing.

8. Ground Two as set forth in the Petition at page 7

The Petition claims that counsel was ineffective for failing to make objections to the PSI. The Petitioner fails to identify what portions of the PSI were objectionable or how he was prejudiced as a result of their consideration by the court. As such, the claim is naked and bare and should be dismissed without an evidentiary hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*. The claim is additionally procedurally barred by NRS 34.810(1)(a).

NRS 34.810(1) provides:

"The court shall dismiss a petition if the court determines that: (a) The petitioner's conviction was upon a plea of guilty or guilty but mentally ill and the petition is not based upon an allegation that the plea was involuntarily or unknowingly entered or that the plea was entered without effective assistance of counsel."

"The application of procedural bars is mandatory" unless a petitioner can demonstrate good cause and actual prejudice or by demonstrating actual innocence. Branham v. Baca, 134 Nev. 814, 815, 434 P.3d 313, 315 (Nev. App. 2018) citing State v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court (Riker), 121 Nev., 225, 231, 112 P.3d 1070, 1074 (2005) and Pellegrini v. State, 117 Nev. 860, 887, 34 P.3d 519, 537 (2001); see also State v. Haberstroh, 119 Nev. 173, 180, 69 P.3d 676, 681 (2003). The legislature is free to impose reasonable limitations on the writ of habeas corpus, so long as they do not impair the traditional efficacy of the writ. Passanisi v. Director, Nevada Dep't of Prisons, 105 Nev. 63, 66, 769 P.2d 72, 74 (1989).

The plain language of NRS 34.810(1)(a) demonstrates its applicability to the Petitioner's claim. NRS 34.810(1)(a) requires a district court to dismiss a petition if the petitioner pled guilty and the petition is not based on a claim related to the voluntariness or knowingness of their plea or the effective assistance of counsel as to their entry of plea. The statute's use of the word "shall" imposes a mandatory duty to act. See NRS 0.025(1)(d); see also Goudge v. State, 128 Nev. 548, 553, 287 P.3d 301, 304 (2012) ("This court has explained that, when used in a statute, the word 'shall' imposes a duty on a party to act and prohibits judicial discretion and, consequently, mandates the result set forth by the statute.") (citations omitted). Thus, the Court is required to apply the bar set forth at NRS 34.810(1)(a) pursuant to the language of the statute itself and pursuant to the mandatory duty to apply procedural bars as recognized in Branham, supra.

The application of NRS 34.810(1)(a) to limit claims has been recognized in several unpublished Nevada Supreme Court opinions. In Maestas v. State, the Nevada Supreme Court recognized that the petitioner's claim that his constitutional right to due process was violated by pretrial publicity "falls outside the scope of a postconviction habeas petition that challenges a judgment of conviction pursuant to a guilty plea." 422 P.3d 1233, n. 2 (Table), 2018 WL 3629443 n. 2 (Nev. July 26, 2018). In Mack v. State, the Nevada Supreme Court recognized that a guilty plea and an Alford plea limited the petitioner "to raising claims that the plea was entered involuntarily or unknowingly or without the effective assistance of counsel." 410 P.3d 981 (Table), 2018 WL 366896 *1 (Nev. January 10, 2018). Other cases also recognize the limited scope of claims available after a guilty plea. See e.g., Strohmeyer v. State, 450 P.3d 918 (Table), 2019 WL 5491702 (Nev. October 24, 2019); Bishop v. State, 438 P.3d 339 (Table), 2019 WL

1643779 (Nev. April 12, 2019); <u>Birch v. State</u>, 435 P.3d 1223 (Table), 2019 WL 1244773 (Nev. March 15, 2019); <u>Edwards v. State</u>, 435 P.3d 1229 (Table), 2019 WL 1255196 (Nev. March 19, 2019); <u>State v. Patterson</u>, 2020 WL 2521784 (Nev. May 15, 2020). Although not binding precedent, these cases can be considered as persuasive authority for the premise that the language of NRS 34.810(1)(a) means what it says on its face. NRAP 36(c)(3). When a defendant pleads guilty, he is limited to raising claims related to the voluntariness, knowingness, or the assistance of counsel provided in entering the plea. All other claims are barred.

Because the Petitioner pled guilty in this case, he is limited to raising claims pertaining to the voluntariness or knowingness of his plea and the effectiveness of counsel related to the plea. As this claim is directly related to the effectiveness of counsel at sentencing, it falls within the purview of the bar set forth at NRS 34.810(1)(a) and must be dismissed.¹

The claim also alleges that the Petitioner "had previously dismissed the Washoe P.D." but that another public defender was simply appointed from the same office. The Petitioner fails to identify when any of this occurred, but the record reflects that the Washoe County Public Defender's Office was in fact relieved from representing the Petitioner and the Alternate Public Defender's Office was then appointed. It appears the

¹ It should be noted that the Court of Appeals issued an opinion in <u>Gonzales v. State</u>, 476 P.3d 84, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 60 (Nev. App. October 1, 2020), confirming this interpretation of NRS 34.810(1)(a). However, the appellant in that case sought review by the Nevada Supreme Court and the Nevada Supreme Court vacated the Court of Appeals' decision in an order filed on January 8, 2021, in docket number 78152. The case proceeded to oral argument before an en banc court on February 1, 2021, and the matter has been submitted for decision since that time. It is possible that decision will ultimately impact this interpretation of NRS 34.810(1)(a). However, as no opinion has been issued as of yet, the State respectfully submits that the plain language of NRS 34.810(1)(a) precludes this claim.

Petitioner might be confusing the Public Defender's Office and the Alternate Public Defender's Office. Either way, the claim is belied by the record and should be dismissed. See Nika, supra; Hargrove, supra.

9. Ground Three as set forth in the Petition at page 8

This version of Ground three claims that the Petitioner's plea was not entered knowingly, voluntarily, or intelligently. Although it fails to identify how or why the plea was not valid, out of an abundance of caution, this portion of the claim should be permitted to proceed to an evidentiary hearing.

This ground also appears to make some sort of allegation that favorable evidence may have been withheld.² The Petition does not identify what favorable evidence was not disclosed or how it would have impacted his decision to plead guilty. As a result, this is a bare and naked claim and should be dismissed without a hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*.

10. Supplemental Brief

The Supplemental Brief is incomprehensible. The portion of the pleading that is not a string citation of legal authority or boilerplate material reads: "Further examination, see mental instability [...]. The plea is not valid (a manifest injustice) [...]." Assuming that the brief intends to claim that the Petitioner's plea was not valid because of some sort of mental instability at the time it was entered, it should proceed to an evidentiary hearing. This would be in line with conducting a hearing on similar grounds contained in the Petition.

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² The State cannot decipher this portion of the claim. It reads: "The decision process included the disclosure of all the facts "Brady" faverable [sic] See Kyles v. Whitly 115 S.Ct. 1555. It denyed [sic] access to relevant information."

11. Ground B as set forth in the Supplemental Petition

The Supplemental Petition alleges that counsel was ineffective for failing to insist upon an inspection of the Petitioner's cellphone. It also stated that "[w]ithout actual or constructed possession of the child pornography photos the charges cannot be sustained." The Supplemental Petition conveniently elides several key facts in suggesting that there was no evidence of the Petitioner's possession of child pornography.

The State did possess evidence, which was provided to and reviewed by the Petitioner and his counsel, demonstrating that he possessed child pornography. At the preliminary hearing in this case, Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detective Arick Dickson testified that he reviewed Facebook messages between the Petitioner and the victim. Transcript of Proceedings, Monday, September 24, 2018 ("PHT"), pages 84-88. Detective Dickson was able to identify the Petitioner as the other party on those messages by matching up photographs to the Petitioner's social media profiles and matching the content of the messages to information consistent with the Petitioner and victim's activities. PHT 86-87.

Although the messages came from the victim's phone, they clearly show that the Petitioner received pornographic images of the 14-year-old child victim. The messages also show that the Petitioner made specific requests for certain types of pornographic photos. Detective Dickson identified a series of photos sent by the victim to the Petitioner on November 9, 2017, in response to the Petitioner's request for her to bend over while wearing a skirt and send him a picture. PHT 92. In response to the Petitioner's request, the victim sent pictures of herself bent over and displaying her buttocks and vagina. PHT 92-93. The Petitioner sent various responses to those

photos, including "mmmm" and "[f]uck, another like the last one but spread open more." PHT 93. After sending another pornographic photo of herself, the victim asked if the Petitioner wanted her to send another. PHT 94. The Petitioner responded, "Yeah." *Id.* The victim sent another photo showing her vagina. *Id.* When the victim asked the Petitioner if he liked the photos, he responded, "Yes, turned me on." PHT 95.

In another set of messages on November 9, 2017, at 1:11 in the morning, the victim told the Petitioner, "I'm wet." PHT 95. The Petitioner wrote, "Let me see." PHT 96. In response, the victim sent a photograph of her vagina and the Petitioner responded, "I want it." *Id*.

In another series of messages and photographs, the Petitioner directed the victim to send a photograph of her vagina to a third party and to then send him a screenshot showing that she did it. PHT 97-99. The screenshot that the victim sent to the Petitioner included a picture of her vagina. PHT 98.

Another series of messages started with the victim writing "please fuck my ass and pussy until I can't walk." PHT 99. The Petitioner asked the 14-year-old to "showm [sic] me." *Id.* The victim then sent a photograph of her bare buttocks with her anus and vagina visible. *Id.*

The preliminary hearing transcript thus directly belies the Supplemental Petition's assertion that the possession of child pornography charge could not have been sustained without an examination of the Petitioner's phone. The messages that were identified as coming from the Petitioner included directions to the victim about what types of photos to send to him and to another person, requests for photos, and acknowledgement of receipt of pornographic photos. There was substantial evidence demonstrating that the Petitioner possessed pornographic images of a child. It is

unclear what an examination of the Petitioner's phone would have shown or how it would have changed these damning facts. As a result, counsel was not ineffective for failing to insist upon an examination of the Petitioner's own phone where there was substantial evidence from another source demonstrating the Petitioner's culpability. The claim is belied by the record and should be dismissed without an evidentiary hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*.

12. Ground C as set forth in the Supplemental Petition

The Supplemental Petition claims that counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the prosecutor breaching the plea agreement at the time of sentencing. This claim is belied by the record and should be dismissed without a hearing.

The parties in this case agreed to "stipulate to recommend at sentencing a term of incarceration in the Nevada State Prison of 48-120 months on Count II, 28-72 months on Count IV, and 48-120 months on Count VI and that all counts run concurrent to one another." GPM, p. 5. In other words, the parties agreed to recommend a sentence that would result in the Petitioner serving 48-120 months in prison with all the counts running concurrently.

The Supplemental Petition claims that the prosecutor breached the plea negotiations by arguing at sentencing. It also boldly claims, without any legal authority in support, that once the Court stated its inclination "to sentence more harshly than the State's recommendation, it became the State's obligation to explain why the lower recommendation was appropriate." The Supplemental Petition asserts that counsel was ineffective for failing to object and apparently demanding that the State argue in mitigation.

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The Supplemental Petition's reasoning is unsupported by the applicable case law and the record in this case. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a promise to recommend a sentence is not a promise to stand silent." Sullivan v. State, 115 Nev. 383, 389, 990 P.2d 1258, 1261 (1999). "Where the state agrees to make a particular recommendation, the agreement, unlike an agreement to stand silent or make no recommendation, does not by its terms restrict the state's right to argue or present facts in favor of the sentence recommendation." <u>Id.</u> (emphasis added). However, a prosecutor "must refrain from either explicitly or implicitly repudiating the agreement." Id. The Sullivan court recounts an example of a prosecutor violating the plea agreement by implicitly arguing that the court should disregard the plea agreement because it was made by the State without knowledge of the defendant's criminal record. Sullivan, 115 Nev. at 389-90, 990 P.2d at 1262 citing Kluttz v. Warden, 99 Nev. 681, 669 P.2d 244 (1983). In <u>Sullivan</u>, the court held that the State did not breach the plea negotiations where the prosecutor complied with the plea agreement by recommending the agreed upon sentence and the prosecutor's comments about Sullivan's "criminal record and the circumstances of the instant offenses were clearly intended to support the sentencing recommendation that the state agreed to make." 115 Nev. at 390, 990 P.2d at 1262.

In this case, the PSI recommended a sentence "in an aggregate both for less on the front end and more on the back end than [was] stipulated within the plea agreement." Sentencing Transcript, p. 4, PSI p. 9 (recommending a term of 12-48 months on Count II, 12-36 months on Count IV, and 12-48 months on Count VI, all run consecutively for an aggregate recommendation of 36-132 months). Defense counsel commented on the fact that the PSI recommended a lower minimum sentence and a longer maximum sentence than the parties had agreed to recommend and also pointed

out that the psychosexual evaluation found that the Petitioner was not a high risk to reoffend and that he would thus be probation eligible but for the parties' recommendation. Sentencing Transcript, p. 4. Counsel also argued that the Petitioner did not have any criminal history and that "he's a young man" and "[t]here are a lot of factors that we believe you should take into account in determining what the appropriate and just sentence is." Sentencing Transcript, p. 5. Counsel added that the joint recommendation of the parties was just "one of those factors...." *Id*.

By the time it was the State's turn to present a sentencing argument, the Court had already seen the PSI's recommendation that differed from the parties' joint recommendation and heard from defense counsel who appeared to argue that the Court should consider any number of mitigating factors, including the Petitioner's youth, and that the joint sentencing recommendation was only one factor that the Court should consider.

The prosecutor sought to provide some context and additional factual information in support of the parties' joint recommendation. We know this because the prosecutor explicitly told the Court that was the reason for the argument:

THE COURT: Counsel, let me ask, you're going to stick with the agreement that you had.

MR. GRAHAM: I am, yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. GRAHAM: Absolutely, I think 4 to 10 years on this case is an absolutely appropriate sentence. The reason I was going to argue is because Parole and Probation recommended less than that. And I wanted to provide the Court with information to show why a 4- to 10-year sentence would be appropriate.

Sentencing Transcript, pp. 5-6.

The Court then stated that "I'm inclined to go higher than that. So go ahead." Sentencing Transcript, p. 6. The prosecutor immediately responded by saying:

Okay. Thank you. So the record is crystal clear, I'm not arguing for anything other than the stipulated sentence in this case. But what I would like to let the Court know is that this is not two teenagers having sex. This is a case where the defendant was 23.

Id (emphasis added). The prosecutor also concluded his remarks by again reminding the Court that "I think that the defendant's -- the proper and just sentence in this case would be the 4 to 10 years that the parties have stipulated to." Sentencing Transcript, p. 15.

The record clearly shows that the prosecutor argued only in support of the agreed upon sentencing recommendation. The prosecutor stated his belief that it was necessary to offer argument because the PSI recommended a sentence with a lower minimum prison term than was recommended by the parties. The prosecutor reiterated three times that he was not asking the Court to impose anything other than the sentence agreed upon by the parties. When presented with the Court's statement that it was "inclined to go higher," the prosecutor sought to make the record "crystal clear" that "I'm not arguing for anything other than the stipulated sentence in this case." Sentencing Transcript, p. 6. The Petitioner might not like some of the facts that the prosecutor presented, but they were not presented in a way to suggest that the State was unaware of the facts of the case at the time the negotiations were struck, as in Kluttz, or in any other way to suggest that the Court should deviate from the parties' recommendation.

Additionally, if anyone implicitly suggested that the Court should deviate from the recommendation in this case, it was defense counsel who suggested that the Petitioner's lack of criminal history and youth were important factors that the Court should consider in imposing sentence and that the parties' joint recommendation was only one factor. "[T]he state is not required to stand mute in the face of factual misstatements or withhold relevant information from the court." Sullivan, 115 Nev. at 388 n. 4, 990 P.2d at 1261, n. 4 (citation omitted). The prosecutor stayed within the bounds of the plea agreement, repeatedly expressed that he was not asking for any sentence other than what the parties had agreed to recommend, and provided factual information in support of the agreed upon sentence after the Court had heard a different, lower recommendation, and an implicit request from defense counsel to consider imposing something other than the agreed upon sentence. As a result, the prosecutor did not violate the terms of the plea agreement and counsel was not ineffective for failing to object. The record thus belies the Petitioner's claim that the State breached the plea agreement and does not show that he would be entitled to any relief. This claim should be denied without an evidentiary hearing. See Nika, supra; Hargrove, supra.

13. Ground D as set forth in the Supplemental Petition

The Supplemental Petition argues that counsel was ineffective for failing to argue on appeal that the State's "improper arguments led to a higher sentence." Again, the State did not make any improper argument at sentencing and thus, there was nothing to appeal. The State adopts the rationale set forth in section 12 above and suggests that this claim should also be denied without an evidentiary hearing. *See* Nika, *supra*; Hargrove, *supra*.

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Conclusion

Portions of the Petition and Supplemental Brief, and the entirety of the

Supplemental Petition, should be dismissed without an evidentiary hearing. The

Petitioner sets forth grounds that are belied by the record, that would not entitle him to

relief, are procedurally barred, or that are indecipherable. To the extent that the

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17 18 petition falls outside the scope of those three listed grounds, they are hereby abandoned.

The grounds that remain will be addressed in turn.

B. Failure to Investigate

The State fully acknowledges that their evidence for Mr. Lopez-Delgado's "possession" of inappropriate photos relied wholly on information found on the victim's phone. In the Supplemental Petition, Petitioner used the information provided in the PSI because it was presented in the best possible light from the State's perspective. Due to the fact that the alleged victim did not testify at preliminary hearing, the problem with relying solely on her phone and not examining Mr. Lopez-Delgado is even more clear.

Text messages, like any other document, must of course be authenticated to be admitted. Rodriguez v. State, 128 Nev. 155, 161 (2012). "When there has been an objection to admissibility of a text message, see NRS 47.040(1)(a), the proponent of the evidence must explain the purpose for which the text message is being offered and provide sufficient direct or circumstantial corroborating evidence of authorship in order to authenticate the text message as a condition precedent to its admission." *Id* at 162.

In Rodriguez, 10 of 12 text messages were determined to have been improperly admitted at a trial, because as the court noted, "[A] person cannot be identified as the author of a text message based solely on evidence that the message was sent from a cellular phone bearing the telephone number assigned to that person because 'cellular telephones are not always exclusively used by the person to whom the phone number is assigned." Rodriguez at 161, quoting Commonwealth v. Koch, 39 A.3d 996, 1005, 2011 PA Super 201 (Pa. Super. Ct. 2011).

And of course, Rodriguez is limited to the context of someone making a statement. Actual possession is another matter (as more fully detailed in the Supplemental Petition) which should have been more diligently investigated by counsel. A hearing will be helpful to the court to more fully explore this claim.

C. Failure to Object to State's Breach of Plea Agreement

"In determining whether the prosecution has fulfilled its part of a plea bargain, the prosecution is held to the most meticulous standards of both promise and performance." Kluttz v. Warden, Nev.

State Prison, 99 Nev. 681, 683 (1983). Even where the State ostensibly follows the black letter terms of an agreement, reversal is still required where the "spirit" of the agreement is violated. *Id* at 684.

The State also cited *Kluttz*, but without the above language that makes it so applicable here. The State's attempt to salvage the breach by relying on *Sullivan v. State* (115 Nev. 383 (1999)) is unavailing, as the facts in those cases as well as this one makes clear.

In *Kluttz*, as here, the Judge felt obliged to intervene during the State's argument, concerned that their comments were arguing for something above and beyond the agreed-upon recommendation even though the prosecutor ostensibly followed that recommendation. *Kluttz* at 683. In *Sullivan*, the appellant tried to argue that the prosecutor should have stood silent, even though the agreement allowed the State to argue for consecutive time rather than the concurrent time argued for by defense counsel, a situation wholly different than this one. *Sullivan* at 388. And *Sullivan* still limited the State to arguments which *supported* the agreement, and specifically reiterated that they may not "explicitly or implicitly repudiate[e] the agreement." *Id* at 389.

Rather obviously, *Kluttz* is far more applicable here. The State helpfully highlights the prosecutor's statements, made after Judge Polaha expressed concern that their arguments were risking breaching the agreement, and even after the judge expressed an intent to NOT follow the agreement:

Okay. Thank you. So the record is crystal clear, I'm not arguing for anything other than the stipulated sentence in this case. **But** what I would like to let the Court know is that this is not two teenagers having sex. This is a case where the defendant was 23.

Sentencing Transcript at 6 (emphasis added).

There is an old aphorism that anything said before the word "but" can be safely disregarded, which is what *Kluttz* is really all about in a nutshell. Even *Sullivan* requires that the State's arguments to be in actual support for the agreement. Given Judge Polaha's comments about being inclined to go higher than the joint recommendation, it simply doesn't wash that the prosecutor was legitimately concerned that he needed to argue against the lower PSI recommendations. Whether the prosecutor intended to or not, he very plainly violated the "spirit" of the agreement per *Kluttz*, and with respect to this issue, reversal and remand for a new sentencing is warranted. And given that breach and the subsequent higher sentence than was bargained for, the failure to object to the breach constituted ineffective assistance of counsel.

D. Failure to Raise the Plea Bargain Breach on Appeal

Here, the Respondent merely claims there was no breach, so there is nothing to appeal. But as noted above, that argument is plainly belied by both the record in this case and long-settled law on the State's obligation to meticulously adhere to both the letter and the spirit of any plea agreement.

Given the holdings in *Kluttz*, it's plain that the breach issue has merit, and that a different result would have been likely on appeal had it been properly preserved and raised. That satisfies both *Strickland v. Washington* (466 U.S. 668 (1984)) prongs for an ineffective assistance of appellate counsel claim, and therefore, warrants either a reversal of the sentence or at the very least, an opportunity to properly raise the issue on appeal.

Conclusion

Rather clearly, most particularly as it relates to the breach of the plea bargain issue, there is sufficient information on the record alone to grant relief to Petitioner. Since that relief cannot be granted without a hearing, however, and a hearing can more fully develop the issues presented here, The State's Motion to Dismiss would be inappropriate, and therefore must be DENIED.

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27 28 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO,

Petitioner,

v.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

Dept. No.: 9

CR18-1654

Case No.:

ORDER TO SET HEARING

The Court is in receipt of Respondent THE STATE OF NEVADA's (hereafter "the State") Motion to Dismiss in Part filed on June 7, 2021. LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO's (hereafter "Petitioner") filed its Opposition to Motion Dismiss on July 6, 2021.

In his *Opposition to Motion to Dimiss*, the Petitioner, by and through counsel, admits that any argument in the original petition that falls out of the scope of the subsections of B, C, and D of the Supplemental Petition filed April 8, 2021 "are hereby abandoned." *Opp.* p. 2:1. As such, the Court's review of the moving papers was reserved to the three remaining grounds of relief which were; (1) the failure of the State to properly investigate the actual "possession" of inappropriate photos found on the victims phone; (2) failure of the Petitioners counsel to object to the alleged breach of the plea agreement on the part of the State; and (3) the failure of the Petitioner's counsel to raise the alleged plea agreement breach on appeal.

Upon review of the moving papers, the Court finds an evidentiary hearing is appropriate on the above motion, as confined to the remaining arguments that have not been abandoned by the Petitioner.

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THEREFORE, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Counsel and all parties shall contact Department Nines' Judicial Assistant within fifteen (15) days to schedule a hearing to occur within the next sixty (60) days.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 7th day of September, 2021.

DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this 7th day of September, 2021, I deposited in the County mailing system for postage and mailing with the United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the attached document addressed to:

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LUIGY RICHARD LOPI	:Z-DELGADO
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Petitioner, Case No. CR18-1654
vs. Dept. No. 9
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

APPLICATION FOR SETTING

TYPE OF ACTION: Post-Conviction

MATTER TO BE HEARD: Evidentiary Hearing

DATE OF APPLICATION: October 12, 2021

<u>COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER:</u> Orrin Johnson, Esq.

COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT: Kevin Naughton, Appellate Deputy

Setting at 10:00 a.m. on November 2, 2021 via Zoom.

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APPLICATION FOR ORDER TO PRODUCE PRISONER

COMES NOW, the State of Nevada, by and through CHRISTOPHER J. HICKS, District Attorney of Washoe County, by KEVIN NAUGHTON, Appellate Deputy, and alleges as follows:

- 1. That the Petitioner, LUIGI RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO #1213684, is presently incarcerated at the Lovelock Correctional Center, Lovelock, Nevada.
- 2. That the above LUIGI RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO #1213684 is scheduled for an audio/visual post-conviction hearing before the Second Judicial District Court on November 2nd, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
 - 3. Zoom Meeting Information: https://washoecourts.zoom.us/j/98139758362

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WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that an Order be made ordering the

audio/visual appearance of the said LUIGI RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO #1213684

before the Second Judicial District Court, and from time to time thereafter at such times

and places as may be ordered and directed by the Court for such proceedings as

thereafter may be necessary and proper in the premises and directing the execution of

said Order by the Warden of Lovelock Correctional Center, Lovelock, Nevada.

<u>AFFIRMATION</u>

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not

contain the social security number of any person.

DATED: October 12, 2021.

CHRISTOPHER J. HICKS

District Attorney

By /s/KEVIN NAUGHTON **KEVIN NAUGHTON Appellate Deputy**

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the Second Judicial District Court via simultaneous audio/visual transmission means on

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November 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. for a post-conviction hearing in the above-entitled action, via Zoom: https://washoecourts.zoom.us/j/98139758362

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that it is not necessary for said LUIGI RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO #1213684 to be physically located in Washoe County, Nevada, during the post-conviction hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Warden of the Lovelock Correctional Center, Lovelock, Nevada, shall provide and make available a telephone for the duration of the post-conviction hearing to allow LUIGI RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO #1213684 and his defense counsel ORRIN JOHNSON, ESQ., the ability to speak privately during the hearing.

DATED this 14th day of October, 2021.

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19	Consistent with the Declaration of Emerg	ency in Nevada and to effectuate resulting	
20	Directives issued by Governor Steve Sisolak, as renewed and extended ¹ , and Second		
21	Judicial District Court Administrative Orders ("AOs"), as amended and extended, the		
22	hearing in this matter shall be held by audio/visu	ual platform.	
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Details for the Zoom Webinar/Zoom Meeting hearing are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to this Notice. In addition, to view and hear the proceedings counsel, parties, and the public (unless the hearing is closed to the public by rule, statute, or order) may access the Zoom link by accessing www.washoecourts.com, clicking on "Online Hearings and Public Access to Proceedings-Click Here," scrolling down to Department 9, and clicking on the link for this matter.

Pursuant to issued AOs, the parties are reminded that although conducted on an audio/visual platform, a hearing is a formal proceeding and shall be conducted with proper decorum. Appropriate attire is required.

If any party intends to introduce exhibits during the hearing, the exhibits shall be Efiled with the Court twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing. The exhibits will include a cover sheet with the case caption and document title, "PROPOSED EXHIBIT[S] SUBMITTED BY [PARTY] FOR [DATE] HEARING." The proposed exhibits shall be sequentially numbered. E-filing documents for the hearing does not operate to admit the evidence nor does it preclude objections by any party, both of which will be addressed during the hearing.

Any party who objects to this hearing proceeding by audio/visual means, must E-file an objection entitled "[PARTY]'s OBJECTION TO CONDUCTING HEARING BY AUDIO/VISUAL PLATFORM," with a contemporaneously E-filed Request for Submission of the objection no later than **twenty-four (24) hours** prior to the hearing. The Court may or may not vacate the hearing based on the objection. Unless and until an order is entered vacating this hearing, the matter will proceed as noticed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 27th day of October, 2021.

DISTRICT JUDGE

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED EXHIBITS SUBMITTED BY RESPONDENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 EVIDENTIARY HEARING

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AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED: November 1, 2021.

CHRISTOPHER J. HICKS District Attorney

By <u>/s/ Kevin Naughton</u>
KEVIN NAUGHTON
Appellate Deputy
Nevada Bar No. 12834

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I hereby certify that this document was filed electronically with the Second Judicial District Court on November 1, 2021. Electronic Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

Orrin Johnson, Esq.

<u>/s/ Tatyana Kazantseva</u> TATYANA KAZANTSEVA **V5. 795**

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To Second judical Reno District Court Dept 3, Polaha; this is regarding my sentencing, The only reason i went along with the plea deal was to get out of this sleazy jail and because nobody has won a sex case in trial under the hearsy laws, i dont recall sexual contact or pictures. I did not plan to argure expecting the 4to10 i stipulated to. since you gave me more, heres my grounds and defense for appeal; this so called victim was on a website and her profile said she was older than she was so i didnt intend to converse with a 15 year old girl. I was never found in possesion of the pictures in this case, those pictures were found in the so called victims phone, my phone was taken and searched, none of those pictures or messages were found in my possession, ive had my phone stolen and a 3rd party could have easily been involved with those messages i dont recall sending, And theres no solid proof of sexual contact, its all "She said", MY DNA found in my RV does not prove sexual contact. she had told me she was raped beaten and threatened in Jan Evans by a staff member and NO investigation was was started regarding this, the sart rape kit test says she had blunt force trauma pointing to the exact time she was in jan evans (3rd party Sexual assault). Detectives stated she said she had lied about things thinking thats what wnted to be heard (Red flag grounds for cross examination). AGAIN I DO NOT RECALL sexual contact let alone to consenting, I WAS NOT FOUND IN POSSESSION of any pornography, theres no proof of me behind those messages but You guys have proof of her producing and distributing which she can be held accountable for in a higher court.

6 to 16 years for this Jerome? ill be institutionalized by then, you could have gave me a chance at probation but you chose to cost the state money, i see no honor in your judgement to warehouse and institutionalize humans instead of giving opportunity Jerome. FUCK YOU

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Case No.:

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LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO,

Petitioner,

v.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS IN PART

The motions in this case came before this Court for oral argument on November 2, 2021. At the time of the hearing, the Court was in receipt of Respondent THE STATE OF NEVADA's (hereafter "the State") *Motion to Dismiss in Part* filed June 7, 2021; and Petitioner LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO's (hereafter "Petitioner") *Opposition to Motion to Dismiss* filed July 6, 2021.

Upon review of the moving papers and oral argument, with good cause appearing, the Court GRANTS the State's *Motion to Dismiss in Part*.

BACKGROUND

The Petitioner was charged with numerous felonies in an Information filed September 26, 2018. At that time, the Petitioner was charged with two counts of Statutory Sexual Seduction by Person Age 21 or Older, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; one count of Use or Permit Minor, Under Age 18, to Produce Pornography, a category A felony, punishable by life imprisonment with parole eligibility after five years; one count of Possess Visual Pornography

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of Person Under Age 16, First Offense, a category B felony, punishable by one to six years in prison; two counts of Lewdness With Child Older Than 14, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; one count of Lure or Attempt to Lure a Child With the Use of Computer Technology to Engage in Sexual Conduct, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; and one gross misdemeanor count of Attempting to Prevent or Dissuade a Witness from Testifying.

The Petitioner entered favorable plea negotiations whereby he pled guilty to three counts in exchange for a joint recommendation with the State for an aggregate sentence of 48 to 120 months imprisonment. Consequently, Petitioner pled guilty to one count of Statutory Sexual Seduction by Person Age 21 or Older; one count of Possess Visual Pornography of Person Under Age 16, First Offense; and one count of Lewdness With Child Older Than 14.

At sentencing, this Court specifically finds the parties adhered to the plea negotiations and recommended the agreed upon sentence. The Court imposed the sentences recommended by the parties but, instead of running them all concurrently as the parties requested, the Court opted to run one of the counts consecutively for an aggregate sentence of 76 to 192 months imprisonment. The Petitioner unsuccessfully appealed his sentence, alleging that the Court abused its discretion in sentencing. The Court of Appeals rejected the Petitioner's contentions and entered an Order of Affirmance on February 18, 2020. *See Lopez-Delgado v. State*, Docket No. 78472-COA.

On June 10, 2020, the Petitioner filed a *Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction)* ("Petition"). On October 26, 2020, the Petitioner filed a "Supplement Brief." Counsel was appointed for the Petitioner and filed a *Supplemental Petition in Support of a Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction)* ("Supplemental Petition") on April 8, 2021.

On June 7, 2021, the State filed its *Motion to Dismiss in Part*. On July 6, 2021, Petitioner filed his *Opposition*. In his *Opposition*, Petitioner abandoned all arguments set forth in his original *Writ* and *Supplemental Writ* allowing the claims labeled as B, C, and D to remain. On November 2, 2021, the Court heard oral arguments on the motion and the Writ.

Prior to oral arguments, the Petitioner abandoned claim B, which was the failure to investigate claim. This left only two claims ripe for this Court's review at the hearing. Those claims are (C) failure of the Petitioners counsel to object to the alleged breach of the plea agreement on the

part of the State; and (D) the failure of the Petitioner's counsel to raise the alleged plea agreement breach on appeal.¹

STANDARD OF REVIEW

A petitioner must demonstrate the facts underlying a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel by a preponderance of the evidence, and a district court's factual findings regarding a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel are entitled to deference upon appeal. *See Means v. State*, 120 Nev. 1001, 1012, 103 P.3d 25, 33 (2004); *see also Riley v. State*, 110 Nev. 638, 647, 878 P.2d 272, 278 (1994). Habeas claims must consist of more than bare allegations, and an evidentiary hearing on a habeas petition is mandated only if a petitioner asserts specific factual allegations that, if true, would warrant relief and *are not belied or repelled by the record. Hargrove v. State*, 100 Nev. 498, 686 P.2d 222 (1984); *Nika v. State*, 124 Nev. 1272, 198 P.3d 839 (2008) (emphasis added).

A district court reviews claims of ineffective assistance of trial counsel under *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 686-87 (1984); *see also Kirksey v. State*, 112 Nev. 980, 987, 923 P.2d 1102, 1107 (1996). Under *Strickland*, to prevail on a claim of ineffective assistance of trial counsel, a petitioner must establish two elements: (1) counsel provided deficient performance, and (2) "the deficient performance prejudiced the defense." *Kirksey*, 112 Nev. 987, 923 P.2d at 107. To prove deficient performance, a petitioner must show that counsel's performance fell below an objective standard of reasonableness. *Id*.

To prove prejudice, a petitioner must demonstrate "a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, the result of the trial would have been different." *Id.* at 988, 923 P.2d at 1107. "A reasonable probability is a probability sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome." *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 694. Counsel's performance is measured by an objective standard of reasonableness which takes into consideration prevailing professional norms and the totality of the circumstances. *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 688; *accord*, *Homick v. State*, 112 Nev. 304, 913 P.2d 1280 (1996). An insufficient showing on *either* element of the *Strickland* standard requires denial of the claim. *Kirksey*, 112 Nev. at 988, 923 P.2d at 1107 (emphasis added).

¹ The notations of "C" and "D" are derived from the Petitioner's *Supplemental Petition*, and the State's *Motion to Dismiss*, which directly addresses claims "C" and "D."

When reviewing the record, the Court's view of counsel's performance must be highly deferential, with every effort being taken to eliminate the distorting effects of hindsight. *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 689, 691. In making a fair assessment of counsel's performance, the trial court must reconstruct the circumstances of counsel's challenged conduct and evaluate that challenged act or omission from counsel's perspective at the time, while remaining perfectly mindful that counsel is "strongly presumed to have rendered adequate assistance and made all significant decisions in the exercise of reasonable professional judgment." *Id.* at 689-90. Accordingly, trial counsel's strategic or tactical decisions will be "virtually unchallengeable absent extraordinary circumstances." *Doleman v. State*, 112 Nev. 843, 848, 921 P.2d 278, 280 (1996) (*quoting Howard v. State*, 106 Nev. 713, 722, 800 P.2d 175, 180 (1990)).

DISCUSSION

The two remaining claims for relief proffered by the Petitioner involve the foundational claim that counsel at trial was ineffective for failing to object to the prosecutor allegedly breaching the plea agreement at the time of sentencing. The second claim is that counsel was ineffective because they failed to raise the breach of the plea agreement on appeal. As noted, the foundation of both claims arise from whether the prosecutor breached the plea agreement during sentencing. Upon review of the record, and after hearing oral arguments, this Court finds that the prosecutor did not breach the plea agreement during the sentencing hearing. As such, the ineffective assistance of counsel claim fails as there was nothing to object to at the time of sentencing, and thus nothing that could have been appealed afterwards.

The parties in this case agreed to "stipulate to recommend at sentencing a term of incarceration in the Nevada State Prison of 48-120 months on Count II, 28-72 months on Count IV, and 48-120 months on Count VI and that all counts run concurrent to one another." Motion, pg. 16:11-16 (*citing* GPM, p. 5). In sum, the parties agreed to recommend a sentence that would result in the Petitioner serving 48-120 months in prison with all the counts running concurrently.

The Petitioner claimed in his supplemental petition that "once it became clear that Judge Polaha was inclined to sentence more harshly than the State's recommendation, it became the State's obligation to explain why the lower recommendation was appropriate...instead the State

aggressively continued to highlight aggravating factors, which in spite of the protestations of fealty to the original recommendation, clearly was being used to justify a higher sentence." *Supp.* pg. 7:22-26. Petitioner argued that the State proceeded to touch upon unnecessary facts that went beyond the scope of the plea agreement which included "arguing against the recommendation provided by Parole and Probation and scoffing at the psycho-sexual evaluation findings." *Id.* pg. 8:1-2.

In his *Opposition*, Petitioner argues that "in determining whether the prosecution has fulfilled its part of a plea bargain, the prosecution is held to the most meticulous standards of both promise and performance." *Kluttz v. Warden, Nev. State Prison*, 99 Nev. 681, 683 (1983). The Court in *Kluttz* held that reversal is still required where the "spirit" of the agreement is violated. *Id* at 684. However, the Court finds that this argument is belied by the record and the totality of the circumstances surrounding the arguments proffered by the State in the sentencing hearing. Neither the agreement itself, nor its spirit were violated.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a promise to recommend a sentence is not a promise to stand silent." *Sullivan v. State*, 115 Nev. 383, 389, 990 P.2d 1258, 1261 (1999). "Where the state agrees to make a particular recommendation, the agreement, unlike an agreement to stand silent or make no recommendation, does not by its terms restrict the state's right to argue or present facts in favor of the sentence recommendation." *Id.* (emphasis added). However, a prosecutor "must refrain from either explicitly or implicitly repudiating the agreement." *Id.* In *Sullivan*, the court held that the State did not breach the plea negotiations where the prosecutor complied with the plea agreement by recommending the agreed upon sentence and the prosecutor's comments about Sullivan's "criminal record and the circumstances of the instant offenses were clearly intended to support the sentencing recommendation that the state agreed to make." 115 Nev. at 390, 990 P.2d at 1262.

Here, the PSI recommended a sentence "in an aggregate both for less on the front end and more on the back end than [was] stipulated within the plea agreement." Sentencing Transcript, p. 4, PSI p. 9 (recommending a term of 12-48 months on Count II, 12-36 months on Count IV, and 12-48 months on Count VI, all run consecutively for an aggregate recommendation of 36-132 months). Defense counsel argued that "the psychosexual evaluation found that the Petitioner was not a high

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risk to reoffend and that he would otherwise been statutorily eligible for probation but for the parties' recommendation." Sentencing Transcript, p. 4. Counsel also argued that the Petitioner did not have any criminal history; that "he's a young man;" and "[t]here are a lot of factors that we believe you should take into account in determining what the appropriate and just sentence is." Sentencing Transcript, p. 5. Counsel added that the joint recommendation of the parties was just "one of those factors...." *Id*.

By the time that the State was able to make its argument, the Court had reviewed the PSI report and had heard from Defense Counsel that it should consider several mitigating factors that could potentially result in a sentence lower than agreed to by both parties as a result of the recommendation contained in the PSI. The State sought to provide some context and additional information in support of the parties' joint recommendation. The State explicitly told the Court that was the reason for the argument:

THE COURT: Counsel, let me ask, you're going to stick with the agreement that you had.

MR. GRAHAM: I am, yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. GRAHAM: Absolutely, I think 4 to 10 years on this case is an absolutely appropriate sentence. The reason I was going to argue is because Parole and Probation recommended less than that. And I wanted to provide the Court with information to show why a 4- to 10-year sentence would be appropriate.

Sentencing Transcript, pp. 5-6 (emphasis added).

The Court then stated that "I'm inclined to go higher than that. So go ahead." Sentencing Transcript, p. 6. The prosecutor immediately responded by saying:

Okay. Thank you. So the record is crystal clear, I'm not arguing for anything other than the stipulated sentence in this case. But what I would like to let the Court know is that this is not two teenagers having sex. This is a case where the defendant was 23.

Id. (emphasis added). The prosecutor also concluded his remarks by again reminding the Court that "I think that the defendant's -- the proper and just sentence in this case would be the 4 to 10 years that the parties have stipulated to." Sentencing Transcript, p. 15.

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This record clearly shows that the State argued only to support the agreed upon sentencing recommendation. The State argued as such because of a lower recommendation from the PSI report, and Defense counsels' subsequent arguments. The Court finds that the State clearly stayed within the bounds of the plea agreement. The State repeatedly expressed that it was not asking for any sentence other than what the parties had agreed to recommend and provided factual information in support of the agreed upon sentence after the Court had reviewed a different, lower recommendation, and an implicit request from defense counsel to consider imposing something other than the agreed upon sentence.

As a result, the prosecutor did not violate the terms or spirit of the plea agreement, and counsel was not ineffective for failing to object. The record thus belies the Petitioner's claim that the State breached the plea agreement and does not show that he would be entitled to any relief. As such, this Court finds that counsel was not ineffective for failing to object to the sentencing arguments made by the State, and this said counsel cannot be deemed ineffective for failing to argue such a breach on appeal as there was nothing to appeal.

CONCLUISION

THEREFORE, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the State's *Motion to Dismiss in Part* is <u>GRANTED</u>.

DATED this 4th day of November 2021.

DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this 4th day of November, 2021, I deposited in the County mailing system for postage and mailing with the United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the attached document addressed to:

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MOTION TO DISMISS

Hearing conducted via Zoom audiovisual conferencing.
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Defendant was present with counsel, Orrin Johnson, Court Appointed Attorney.

The Court made a record of the fact that this hearing was being held remotely because of the closure of the courthouse at 75 Court Street, in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada, due to the National and local emergency caused by COVID-19. The Court and all participants appeared via simultaneous audiovisual transmission. The Court was physically located in Washoe County, Nevada which was the site of the court session. At the direction of the Court, all participants stated their appearances and location.

Respective counsel acknowledged receipt of notice that the hearing was taking place pursuant to the Second Judicial District Court's Administrative Orders entered in 2020, and the Nevada Supreme Court Rules - Part IX governing appearances by simultaneous audiovisual transmissions, and counsel stated they had no objection to proceeding in this manner.

The Court further made a record of the fact that these proceedings are open to the public for viewing and listening through the webinar/meeting invitation located on the Court's website and directed that if at any time anyone who is participating in this matter cannot see or hear the other participants in this case, they are to inform the Court.

Counsel Johnson informed the Court that he will only be proceeding on the Breach of Plea Agreement claim and moved to admit exhibits A through M that are attached to the supplemental petition; no objection by counsel for State.

COURT ORDERED: Exhibits A through M are hereby admitted. Counsel Naughton discussed the sentencing transcript and stated that the District Attorney did not ask for more time during argument and further discussed the exchange between Judge Polaha and the Deputy D.A.

Counsel Johnson stated that the DA did not urge the Court to follow the plea agreement and stated that the DA implicitly argued for more time.

COURT ORDERED: Motion to dismiss is under advisement. Defendant was remanded to the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections.

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in pro se, and submits his Motion for Withdrawal of Attorney of Records and Delivery of Records, moving the Court to order that Orriv J. H. Johnson ("Counsel") be withdrawn as counsel of record herein, and that Counsel deliver to Defendant at the address below all files, documents, papers, records and personal property which are in Counsel's possession and control.

This motion is based upon NRS 7.055; SCR 46; RPC 1.16; the following points and authorities; and the attached affidavit.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

A party may discharge their attorney with or without cause, Matter of Kaufman, 93 Nev. 452, 567 P.2d 957, 959 (1977), after which the attorney is obliged to conduct themself in a manner protective of their client's interests, PRC 1.16(d). Such duty

includes "surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled." <u>Id</u>. *See also* NRS 7.055(1) (attorney who has been discharged by client shall, upon demand, "immediately deliver to the client" all files, papers and property which were prepared for the client); SCR 46 (time of withdrawal).

Counsel's services are no longer required in this criminal matter. Defendant has, pursuant to NRS 7.055(3), directed Counsel to withdraw themself and forward to him all case files and materials related to this case; however, Counsel has failed to comply. Seattle of the seattle of This failure of Counsel not only fails to protect Defendant's interests as required by RPC 1.16(d), but likewise disregards the mandates of NRS 7.055(1).

Counsel has no lawful basis for withholding Defendant's papers in this matter, as Defendant owes Counsel no fees upon which Counsel could assert a lien against same. Michel v. <u>Eighth Jud. Dist. Court</u>, 117 Nev. 145, 17 P.3d 1003, 1008 n. 2.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Court should order Counsel to be withdrawn as counsel of record and should direct Counsel to deliver to Defendant his papers and files in the above-entitled case.

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15	THIS MATTER, having been duly considered by the Court, it			
16	is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion for Withdrawal of			
17	Attorney of Record and Delivery of Records is hereby GRANTED.			
18	Counsel Orrin 7. H. Johnson shall be withdrawn as			
19	counsel of record and is directed to forthwith deliver to			
20	Defendant, at the Lovelock Correctional Center, all pleadings,			
21	papers, documents and other tangible personal property in and			
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CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

This case appeal statement is filed pursuant to NRAP 3(f).

- 1. Appellant is Luigy Lopez-Delgado.
- 2. This appeal is from an order entered by the Honorable Judge Scott Freeman.
- Appellant is representing himself in Proper Person on appeal. The Appellant's address is:

Luigy Lopez-Delgado #1213684 Lovelock Correctional Center 1200 Prison Road Lovelock. NV 89419

4. Respondent is the State of Nevada. Respondent is represented by the Washoe County District Attorney's Office:

Jennifer P. Noble, Esq., SBN: 9446 P.O. Box 11130 Reno, Nevada 89520

5. Respondent's attorney is not licensed to practice law in Nevada: NA

- 6. Appellant is represented by appointed counsel in District Court.
- 7. Appellant is not represented by appointed counsel on appeal.
- 8. Appellant was not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the District Court.
- 9. Proceeding commenced by the filing of an Information on September 26th, 2018.
- 10. This is a criminal proceeding and the Appellant is appealing the Order Granting Motion to Dismiss in Part filed on November 4th, 2021.
- 11. The case has been the subject of a previous appeal to the Supreme Court.

 Supreme Court No.: 78472
- 12. This case does not involve child custody or visitation.
- 13. This is not a civil case involving the possibility of a settlement.

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A complete copy of Mr. Lopez-Delgado's file will be provided forthwith. Because there is no inherent right to appointed counsel to appeal the denial of a post-conviction petition for habeas corpus in a non-capital case (see generally *McKague v. Warden, Nevada State Prison*, 112 Nev. 159 (1996)), the scope of undersigned counsel's appointment had already been concluded. Nevertheless, we have no objection to Mr. Lopez-Delgado's motion for withdrawal of counsel to the extent it is not already moot.

AFFIRMATION pursuant to NRS 239B.030: The undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

Case No.:

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LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO,

Petitioner,

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS IN PART

The motions in this case came before this Court for oral argument on November 2, 2021. At the time of the hearing, the Court was in receipt of Respondent THE STATE OF NEVADA's (hereafter "the State") *Motion to Dismiss in Part* filed June 7, 2021; and Petitioner LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO's (hereafter "Petitioner") *Opposition to Motion to Dismiss* filed July 6, 2021.

Upon review of the moving papers and oral argument, with good cause appearing, the Court GRANTS the State's *Motion to Dismiss in Part*.

BACKGROUND

The Petitioner was charged with numerous felonies in an Information filed September 26, 2018. At that time, the Petitioner was charged with two counts of Statutory Sexual Seduction by Person Age 21 or Older, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; one count of Use or Permit Minor, Under Age 18, to Produce Pornography, a category A felony, punishable by life imprisonment with parole eligibility after five years; one count of Possess Visual Pornography

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of Person Under Age 16, First Offense, a category B felony, punishable by one to six years in prison; two counts of Lewdness With Child Older Than 14, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; one count of Lure or Attempt to Lure a Child With the Use of Computer Technology to Engage in Sexual Conduct, a category B felony, punishable by one to ten years in prison; and one gross misdemeanor count of Attempting to Prevent or Dissuade a Witness from Testifying.

The Petitioner entered favorable plea negotiations whereby he pled guilty to three counts in exchange for a joint recommendation with the State for an aggregate sentence of 48 to 120 months imprisonment. Consequently, Petitioner pled guilty to one count of Statutory Sexual Seduction by Person Age 21 or Older; one count of Possess Visual Pornography of Person Under Age 16, First Offense; and one count of Lewdness With Child Older Than 14.

At sentencing, this Court specifically finds the parties adhered to the plea negotiations and recommended the agreed upon sentence. The Court imposed the sentences recommended by the parties but, instead of running them all concurrently as the parties requested, the Court opted to run one of the counts consecutively for an aggregate sentence of 76 to 192 months imprisonment. The Petitioner unsuccessfully appealed his sentence, alleging that the Court abused its discretion in sentencing. The Court of Appeals rejected the Petitioner's contentions and entered an Order of Affirmance on February 18, 2020. *See Lopez-Delgado v. State*, Docket No. 78472-COA.

On June 10, 2020, the Petitioner filed a *Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction)* ("Petition"). On October 26, 2020, the Petitioner filed a "Supplement Brief." Counsel was appointed for the Petitioner and filed a *Supplemental Petition in Support of a Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction)* ("Supplemental Petition") on April 8, 2021.

On June 7, 2021, the State filed its *Motion to Dismiss in Part*. On July 6, 2021, Petitioner filed his *Opposition*. In his *Opposition*, Petitioner abandoned all arguments set forth in his original *Writ* and *Supplemental Writ* allowing the claims labeled as B, C, and D to remain. On November 2, 2021, the Court heard oral arguments on the motion and the Writ.

Prior to oral arguments, the Petitioner abandoned claim B, which was the failure to investigate claim. This left only two claims ripe for this Court's review at the hearing. Those claims are (C) failure of the Petitioners counsel to object to the alleged breach of the plea agreement on the

part of the State; and (D) the failure of the Petitioner's counsel to raise the alleged plea agreement breach on appeal.¹

STANDARD OF REVIEW

A petitioner must demonstrate the facts underlying a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel by a preponderance of the evidence, and a district court's factual findings regarding a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel are entitled to deference upon appeal. *See Means v. State*, 120 Nev. 1001, 1012, 103 P.3d 25, 33 (2004); *see also Riley v. State*, 110 Nev. 638, 647, 878 P.2d 272, 278 (1994). Habeas claims must consist of more than bare allegations, and an evidentiary hearing on a habeas petition is mandated only if a petitioner asserts specific factual allegations that, if true, would warrant relief and *are not belied or repelled by the record. Hargrove v. State*, 100 Nev. 498, 686 P.2d 222 (1984); *Nika v. State*, 124 Nev. 1272, 198 P.3d 839 (2008) (emphasis added).

A district court reviews claims of ineffective assistance of trial counsel under *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 686-87 (1984); *see also Kirksey v. State*, 112 Nev. 980, 987, 923 P.2d 1102, 1107 (1996). Under *Strickland*, to prevail on a claim of ineffective assistance of trial counsel, a petitioner must establish two elements: (1) counsel provided deficient performance, and (2) "the deficient performance prejudiced the defense." *Kirksey*, 112 Nev. 987, 923 P.2d at 107. To prove deficient performance, a petitioner must show that counsel's performance fell below an objective standard of reasonableness. *Id*.

To prove prejudice, a petitioner must demonstrate "a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, the result of the trial would have been different." *Id.* at 988, 923 P.2d at 1107. "A reasonable probability is a probability sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome." *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 694. Counsel's performance is measured by an objective standard of reasonableness which takes into consideration prevailing professional norms and the totality of the circumstances. *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 688; *accord*, *Homick v. State*, 112 Nev. 304, 913 P.2d 1280 (1996). An insufficient showing on *either* element of the *Strickland* standard requires denial of the claim. *Kirksey*, 112 Nev. at 988, 923 P.2d at 1107 (emphasis added).

¹ The notations of "C" and "D" are derived from the Petitioner's *Supplemental Petition*, and the State's *Motion to Dismiss*, which directly addresses claims "C" and "D."

When reviewing the record, the Court's view of counsel's performance must be highly deferential, with every effort being taken to eliminate the distorting effects of hindsight. Strickland, 466 U.S. at 689, 691. In making a fair assessment of counsel's performance, the trial court must reconstruct the circumstances of counsel's challenged conduct and evaluate that challenged act or omission from counsel's perspective at the time, while remaining perfectly mindful that counsel is "strongly presumed to have rendered adequate assistance and made all significant decisions in the exercise of reasonable professional judgment." Id. at 689-90. Accordingly, trial counsel's strategic or tactical decisions will be "virtually unchallengeable absent extraordinary circumstances." Doleman v. State, 112 Nev. 843, 848, 921 P.2d 278, 280 (1996) (quoting Howard v. State, 106 Nev. 713, 722, 800 P.2d 175, 180 (1990)).

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DISCUSSION

The two remaining claims for relief proffered by the Petitioner involve the foundational claim that counsel at trial was ineffective for failing to object to the prosecutor allegedly breaching the plea agreement at the time of sentencing. The second claim is that counsel was ineffective because they failed to raise the breach of the plea agreement on appeal. As noted, the foundation of both claims arise from whether the prosecutor breached the plea agreement during sentencing. Upon review of the record, and after hearing oral arguments, this Court finds that the prosecutor did not breach the plea agreement during the sentencing hearing. As such, the ineffective assistance of counsel claim fails as there was nothing to object to at the time of sentencing, and thus nothing that could have been appealed afterwards.

The parties in this case agreed to "stipulate to recommend at sentencing a term of incarceration in the Nevada State Prison of 48-120 months on Count II, 28-72 months on Count IV, and 48-120 months on Count VI and that all counts run concurrent to one another." Motion, pg. 16:11-16 (citing GPM, p. 5). In sum, the parties agreed to recommend a sentence that would result in the Petitioner serving 48-120 months in prison with all the counts running concurrently.

The Petitioner claimed in his supplemental petition that "once it became clear that Judge Polaha was inclined to sentence more harshly than the State's recommendation, it became the State's obligation to explain why the lower recommendation was appropriate...instead the State

aggressively continued to highlight aggravating factors, which in spite of the protestations of fealty to the original recommendation, clearly was being used to justify a higher sentence." *Supp.* pg. 7:22-26. Petitioner argued that the State proceeded to touch upon unnecessary facts that went beyond the scope of the plea agreement which included "arguing against the recommendation provided by Parole and Probation and scoffing at the psycho-sexual evaluation findings." *Id.* pg. 8:1-2.

In his *Opposition*, Petitioner argues that "in determining whether the prosecution has fulfilled its part of a plea bargain, the prosecution is held to the most meticulous standards of both promise and performance." *Kluttz v. Warden, Nev. State Prison*, 99 Nev. 681, 683 (1983). The Court in *Kluttz* held that reversal is still required where the "spirit" of the agreement is violated. *Id* at 684. However, the Court finds that this argument is belied by the record and the totality of the circumstances surrounding the arguments proffered by the State in the sentencing hearing. Neither the agreement itself, nor its spirit were violated.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a promise to recommend a sentence is not a promise to stand silent." *Sullivan v. State*, 115 Nev. 383, 389, 990 P.2d 1258, 1261 (1999). "Where the state agrees to make a particular recommendation, the agreement, unlike an agreement to stand silent or make no recommendation, does not by its terms restrict the state's right to argue or present facts in favor of the sentence recommendation." *Id.* (emphasis added). However, a prosecutor "must refrain from either explicitly or implicitly repudiating the agreement." *Id.* In *Sullivan*, the court held that the State did not breach the plea negotiations where the prosecutor complied with the plea agreement by recommending the agreed upon sentence and the prosecutor's comments about Sullivan's "criminal record and the circumstances of the instant offenses were clearly intended to support the sentencing recommendation that the state agreed to make." 115 Nev. at 390, 990 P.2d at 1262.

Here, the PSI recommended a sentence "in an aggregate both for less on the front end and more on the back end than [was] stipulated within the plea agreement." Sentencing Transcript, p. 4, PSI p. 9 (recommending a term of 12-48 months on Count II, 12-36 months on Count IV, and 12-48 months on Count VI, all run consecutively for an aggregate recommendation of 36-132 months). Defense counsel argued that "the psychosexual evaluation found that the Petitioner was not a high

risk to reoffend and that he would otherwise been statutorily eligible for probation but for the parties' recommendation." Sentencing Transcript, p. 4. Counsel also argued that the Petitioner did not have any criminal history; that "he's a young man;" and "[t]here are a lot of factors that we believe you should take into account in determining what the appropriate and just sentence is." Sentencing Transcript, p. 5. Counsel added that the joint recommendation of the parties was just "one of those factors...." *Id*.

By the time that the State was able to make its argument, the Court had reviewed the PSI report and had heard from Defense Counsel that it should consider several mitigating factors that could potentially result in a sentence lower than agreed to by both parties as a result of the recommendation contained in the PSI. The State sought to provide some context and additional information in support of the parties' joint recommendation. The State explicitly told the Court that was the reason for the argument:

THE COURT: Counsel, let me ask, you're going to stick with the agreement that you had.

MR. GRAHAM: I am, yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. GRAHAM: Absolutely, I think 4 to 10 years on this case is an absolutely appropriate sentence. The reason I was going to argue is because Parole and Probation recommended less than that. And I wanted to provide the Court with information to show why a 4- to 10-year sentence would be appropriate.

Sentencing Transcript, pp. 5-6 (emphasis added).

The Court then stated that "I'm inclined to go higher than that. So go ahead." Sentencing Transcript, p. 6. The prosecutor immediately responded by saying:

Okay. Thank you. So the record is crystal clear, I'm not arguing for anything other than the stipulated sentence in this case. But what I would like to let the Court know is that this is not two teenagers having sex. This is a case where the defendant was 23.

Id. (emphasis added). The prosecutor also concluded his remarks by again reminding the Court that "I think that the defendant's -- the proper and just sentence in this case would be the 4 to 10 years that the parties have stipulated to." Sentencing Transcript, p. 15.

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This record clearly shows that the State argued only to support the agreed upon sentencing recommendation. The State argued as such because of a lower recommendation from the PSI report, and Defense counsels' subsequent arguments. The Court finds that the State clearly stayed within the bounds of the plea agreement. The State repeatedly expressed that it was not asking for any sentence other than what the parties had agreed to recommend and provided factual information in support of the agreed upon sentence after the Court had reviewed a different, lower recommendation, and an implicit request from defense counsel to consider imposing something other than the agreed upon sentence.

As a result, the prosecutor did not violate the terms or spirit of the plea agreement, and counsel was not ineffective for failing to object. The record thus belies the Petitioner's claim that the State breached the plea agreement and does not show that he would be entitled to any relief. As such, this Court finds that counsel was not ineffective for failing to object to the sentencing arguments made by the State, and this said counsel cannot be deemed ineffective for failing to argue such a breach on appeal as there was nothing to appeal.

CONCLUISION

THEREFORE, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the State's *Motion to Dismiss in Part* is <u>GRANTED</u>.

DATED this 4th day of November 2021.

DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this 4th day of November, 2021, I deposited in the County mailing system for postage and mailing with the United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the attached document addressed to:

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Petitioner,

vs. Case No. CR18-1654
STATE OF NEVADA, Dept. No. 9

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ORDER APPROVING ATTORNEY'S FEES (Post-Conviction)

Pursuant to the Nevada Supreme Court Order in ADKT 411 and the Second Judicial District Court's Model Plan to address ADKT 411, good cause appearing and in the interests of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the recommendations of the Administrator are hereby confirmed, approved and adopted as to the amount of \$980.00. This amount may not be the same as the Administrator's recommendation. Counsel is notified that he may request a prove-up hearing for any non-approved amounts before the Chief Judge of the District.

Counsel, Orrin J.H. Johnson, shall be reimbursed by the State of Nevada Public Defender's Office attorney fees in the amount of \$980.00.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2021.

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Petitioner,

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AMENDED ORDER APPROVING ATTORNEY'S FEES (Post-Conviction)

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Counsel, Orrin J.H. Johnson, shall be reimbursed by the State of Nevada Public Defender's Office attorney fees in the amount of \$980.00.

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ORDER APPROVING ATTORNEY'S FEES (Post-Conviction)

Pursuant to the Nevada Supreme Court Order in ADKT 411 and the Second Judicial District Court's Model Plan to address ADKT 411, good cause appearing and in the interests of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the recommendations of the Administrator are hereby confirmed, approved and adopted as to the amount of \$528.04. This amount may not be the same as the Administrator's recommendation. Counsel is notified that he may request a prove-up hearing for any non-approved amounts before the Chief Judge of the District.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LUIGY RICHARD LOPEZ-DELGADO, Appellant,

vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 83885

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ORDER DIRECTING TRANSMISSION OF RECORD AND REGARDING BRIEFING

Having reviewed the documents on file in this pro se appeal, this court has concluded that its review of the complete record is warranted. See NRAP 10(a)(1). Accordingly, the clerk of the district court shall have 30 days from the date of this order to transmit to the clerk of this court a certified copy of the complete trial court record of this appeal. See NRAP 11(a)(2). The record shall include copies of documentary exhibits submitted in the district court proceedings, but shall not include any physical, non-documentary exhibits or the original documentary exhibits. The record shall also include any presentence investigation reports submitted in a sealed envelope identifying the contents and marked confidential. See NRS 176.156(5).

Within 120 days, appellant may file either (1) a brief that complies with the requirements in NRAP 28(a) and NRAP 32; or (2) the "Informal Brief Form for Pro Se Parties" provided by the supreme court clerk. NRAP 31(a)(1). If no brief is submitted, the appeal may be decided on the record on appeal. NRAP 34(g). Respondent need not file a response to any brief filed by appellant, unless ordered to do so by this court. NRAP

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46A(c). This court generally will not grant relief without providing an opportunity to file a response. *Id*.

It is so ORDERED.



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