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19	Honorable Michael P. Villani.		
 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 	 3. All parties to the proceedings in the district court (the use of et al. to denote parties is prohibited): Shawn Glover, Defendant; The State of Nevada, Plaintiff. 4. All parties involved in this appeal (the use of et. al. to denote parties is prohibited): Shawn Glover, Appellant; The State of Nevada, Respondent. 5. Name, law firm, address, and telephone number of all counsel on appeal and party or parties whom they represent: 		

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6. Whether an attorney identified in response to paragraph 5 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada, and if so, whether the district court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42, including a copy of any district court order granting that permission: N/A.

7. Whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the district court: **Appointed**.

8. Whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal: Appointed.

9. Whether appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and the date of entry of the district court order granting such leave: N/A.

10. Date proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date complaint, indictment, information, or petition was filed): Indictment filed February 4, 2016.

11. A brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court: **This is an appeal of the district court's denial of the Appellant's Post-Conviction Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.**

12. Whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding: **Shawn Glover v. The State of Nevada (77425)**

13. Whether the appeal involves child custody or visitation: N/A.

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Defendant	Nevada Attorney Gene The State of Nevada	ral		Flinn, William W. Retained 702-671-7250(W)
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03/26/2021	Notice of Appeal (criminal) Party: Plaintiff Glover, Shawn Notice of Appeal			
03/26/2021	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Plaintiff Glover, Shawn Case Appeal Statement			
01/08/2021	 HEARINGS ■ Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Villani, Michael) Under Advisement; Journal Entry Details: Defendant not present, in the Nevada Department of Corrections. Mr. Gaffney stated the first matter he wanted to address was the State's request to strike the Petition as a non-conforming document. The reason it was non-conforming was because he filed the cover sheet and the petition together as a single document and they should have been filed separately. He went ahead and filed amended petition on January 4 which should remedy the non-conforming document issue. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Flinn stated he received the amended petition; however, has not had time to review itt. Mr. Flinn stated if the only change was the cover sheet he has no problem. Mr. Gaffney stated there were no substantive changes. Mr. Gaffney argued in support of Petition regarding ineffective assistance of counsel, testimony hearsay and possible conflict regarding dual representation. Mr. Flinn argued in opposition. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Gaffney stated the victim's cases were 01M20858X and 10F15357X, attached as exhibit "B" to the Petition. Court advised as to the conflict, under the circumstances of this case, it was a reasonable, tactical decision by counsel not to pursue a self-defense claim in light of all the factors of this particular case. As to the issue of the doctor testifying, Court advised it wanted to look at the doctor's testimony to confirm how they couched their opinions as to cause and manner of death. Mr. Gaffney referenced day 3 of the trial, noting the testimony starts on Page 118; transcript was filed December 31, 2018. COURT ORDERED, matter TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT; Court will issue a written decision within the next week. ; 			
02/05/2021	 Minute Order (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Villani, Michael) Minute Order - No Hearing Held; Journal Entry Details: Petitioner's Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) came before the Court, whereupon the Court took the matter under further advisement. The Court adopts the procedural history as set forth in the State's Response to Petitioner's PCR. After considering all pleadings and arguments, the Court renders its decision as follows: Petitioner's request for relief is based upon two issues: (1) Failure to object to testimonial hearsay: Dr. Corneal did not perform the autopsy on the decedent, but she did testify at trial about the manner and cause of death. After setting forth her qualifications, Dr. Corneal testified that she had reviewed the autopsy report and photographs. Dr. Corneal testified she had made her own opinions as to the cause and manner of death. Nothing contained in Dr. Corneal's testimony referred to the opinions and conclusions of Dr. Dutra. See JT day 3, at 118 - 133. THIS COURT FINDS Dr. Corneal's testimony is not testimonial hearsay in violation of the Confrontation Clause. (2) Conflict of interest: Petitioner does not set forth any specific conflict of interest. Petitioner engages in mere conjecture. See Petition at 24 ("scope of Flemings former representation is unknown," "it is reasonable to infer that Mr. Fleming would have provided confidential and/or sensitive information about his violent conduct to his Public Defender."). Petitioner claims the Public Defenders' office represented Mr. Fleming in a misdemeanor battery domestic case in 2001 and a disorderly conduct case in 2010. However, Petitioner does not allege an actual 			

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conflict involving Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Bashor or how the representation of the two misdemeanor cases 14 and 4 years prior by the Public Defenders' office created a conflict. Nowhere in the record or the Petition establishes a conflict affecting Counsels' performance. See Mickens v Taylor, 535 U.S. 162, 122 S.Ct. 1237 (2002). Here, Evidence established that Mr. Fleming was shot in the back of the head at a downward angle, which would undermine a self-defense theory. See JT day 3, at 126. Petitioner s theory at trial was that he was not the shooter. This was a tactical decision by defense counsel, and the record does not support a claim that Petitioner objected to such said strategy. Thus, COURT FINDS Petitioner failed to satisfy both prongs of Strickland. Additionally, an evidentiary is unwarranted as the record does not need to be expanded. Therefore, COURT ORDERD, Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction), DENIED. COURT ORDERS State to submit a proposed order consistent with the foregoing and is approved by the State regarding its form and content within twenty-one (21) days after Counsel is notified of the ruling and distribute a filed copy to all parties involved pursuant to EDCR 7.21. Such order should set forth a synopsis of the supporting reasons proffered to the Court in briefing. Status check for February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, regarding the filing of the order. That date to be vacated if the Court receives the order prior to February 23, 2021. CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this Minute Order was provided to counsel by e-mail. 2/5/2021 sa;

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12			(C-16-312448-1)
13	WILLIAM GITTERE, Warden; CHARLES DANIELS, Director NDC; and THE STATE OF NEVADA,	DEPT NO:	XVII
14	Respondents.		
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19	THIS CAUSE having come on for hear	ing before the Hono	orable MICHAEL VILLANI,
20	District Court Judge, on the 8th day of Janu	uary, 2021, Petitior	her not being present, being
21	represented by LUCAS GAFFNEY, Esq., Respondent being represented by STEVEN B.		
22	WOLFSON, Clark County District Attorney, by and through WILLIAM W. FLINN, Chief		
23	Deputy District Attorney, and the Court having considered the matter, including briefs,		
24	transcripts, and documetns on file herein, and hearing arguments of the parties, after which		
25	the Court took the matter UNDER ADVISEMENT. Thereafter, on the 5th day of February,		
26	2021, the Court issued a Minute Order makin	g the following find	lings of fact and conclusions
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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On February 4, 2016, SHAWN GLOVER, aka Shawn Lynn Glover, Jr. (hereinafter 3 "Petitioner") was charged by way of Indictment with MURDER WITH USE OF A DEADLY 4 5 WEAPON (Category A Felony - NRS 200.010, 200.030, 193.165); ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON (Category B Felony – NRS 200.471); OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION 6 7 OF A FIREARM BY PROHIBITED PERSON (Category B Felony - NRS 202.360); and DISCHARGE OF FIREARM FROM OR WITHIN A STRUCTURE OR VEHICLE 8 9 (Category B Felony - NRS 202.287) for his actions on or about January 1, 2016. Petitioner 10 was arraigned on the Indictment on February 8, 2016, with Deputy Public Defender Ryan 11 Bashor ("Bashor") representing him.

On March 4, 2016, Jess Marchese, Esq. substituted in as counsel for Petitioner in place
of the Public Defender's Office. However, on April 7, 2016, Mr. Marchese filed a Motion to
Withdraw as Counsel on the grounds that Petitioner was not fulfilling his contractual
obligations. The Court granted Mr. Marchese's Motion on April 18, 2016, and the Public
Defender's Office accepted appointment as Petitioner's counsel once again.

On July 30, 2018, Petitioner's case proceeded to jury trial. On August 3, 2018, after
five (5) days of trial, the jury returned its Verdict of Guilty of First Degree Murder with use
of a Deadly Weapon, Guilty of Assault with use of a Deadly Weapon, and Guilty of Discharge
of Firearm from or Within a Structure or Vehicle. The parties stipulated to waive sentencing
by the jury for the First Degree Murder charge.

On October 10, 2018, Petitioner was sentenced, as follows: Count 1 – LIFE in the
Nevada Department of Corrections (NDC) without the possibility of parole, plus a consecutive
forty-eight (48) to one hundred eighty (180) months for the use of a deadly weapon; Count 2
- twenty-eight (28) to seventy-two (72) months in NDC, concurrent with Count 1; Count 3 –
sixty (60) to one hundred eighty (180) months in NDC, concurrent with Counts 1 and 2.
Petitioner was given one thousand eleven (1011) days credit for time served. Petitioner's
Judgment of Conviction was filed on October 15, 2018.

On November 8, 2018, Petitioner filed a Notice of Appeal. On October 24, 2019, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed Petitioner's judgment of conviction. Remittitur issued on November 23, 2019.

On March 5, 2020, Petitioner filed an omnibus Motion, which included a request for post-conviction counsel. Despite there being no post-conviction matter pending, the Court granted Petitioner's request for post-conviction counsel on April 30, 2020. Lucas Gaffney, Esq. confirmed as counsel for Petitioner on May 21, 2020.

8 On September 14, 2020, Petitioner filed the instant Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus 9 (Post-Conviction) (his "instant Petition"). On September 17, 2020, the Deputy Clerk of the 10 Court filed a Notice of Nonconforming Document regarding Petitioner's instant Petition. As 11 of the time of the instant Response, no conforming document has been filed pursuant to 12 Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rule 8(b)(2). The State filed its Response and 13 Motion to Strike Petitioner's instant Petition on November 13, 2020. On January 4, 2021, 14 Petitioner filed an Amended Petition, making no substantive changes but conforming to the Court rules. 15

16 On January 8, 2021, this matter came before the Court for hearing. After arguments of the parties, the Court took the matter under advisement. On February 5, 2021, the Court issued 17 a Minute Order making the following findings and conclusions: 18

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

20 On January 1, 2016, Miranda Sutton ("Miranda") lived in a townhome in North Las Vegas with her husband, Patrick Fleming ("Patrick"), her 21-year-old daughter Akira Veasley 22 ("Akira"), her goddaughter Angela, and Angela's two boys. Jury Trial Transcript, Day 3, dated August 1, 2018 ("JT3") at 42-43, 90-91. Approximately, one week prior to Miranda and her 24 family moving into the townhome, Glover, also temporarily moved in. Id. at 45-46. Glover 25 started staying with Miranda and her family because he had a daughter with Angela. Id.

26 On the morning of New Year's Day, 2016, Patrick woke up, drove Angela to work, and 27 stopped by his office to retrieve his paycheck. JT3 at 46-47. When he returned, Patrick 28 confronted his step-daughter, Akira, about having a young man in his vehicle on New Year's

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Eve when he asked her not to. Id. at 47-48. Akira then started to argue with Patrick in the garage. Id. at 92. Hearing the argument, Miranda headed downstairs and into the garage. Id. at 47-48. There, she observed her husband, Patrick, and her daughter, Akira, engaged in a "typical argument." Id.

At some point, Glover interrupted the argument when he came downstairs and handed 6 Miranda the phone. JT3 at 93. Miranda spoke to Angela on the phone and observed Glover head back up the stairway of the townhome. Id. at 49. After the argument ended and Patrick 7 8 apologized, Glover came downstairs a second time and asked to speak with Miranda. Id. at 49-50, 94. Miranda followed Glover upstairs. Id. at 50. Upstairs, Glover headed towards Angela's 10 bedroom and asked to speak with Miranda in the bedroom. Id. Once in the bedroom, Glover asked Miranda: "do you want me to handle this, do you want me to take care of it?" Confused, 12 Miranda asked for clarification. Id. Glover explained that he heard Patrick "down there 13 fighting you guys." Id. Miranda admitted to Glover that there was an argument, however, she assured him that "everything [was] okay . . . [and that there was] no problem." Id. 14

During the conversation between Miranda and Glover, Akira testified that "[e]verything 15 16 was done [and] [e]verything [was] fine at this point." JT3 at 94. Miranda and Glover exited Angela's bedroom and Patrick confronted Glover as to why he was talking to Miranda. Id. at 17 52. Miranda and Akira testified that they observed the confrontation between Glover and 18 19 Patrick. Id. at 52, 94. They further testified that they heard Glover accuse Patrick of fighting 20 with both women in the garage. Id. Patrick denied Glover's allegation and explained that they 21 were "just having a conversation." Id. at 94. Akira observed that Patrick's denial made Glover 22 "even more mad." Id. When Patrick attempted to touch Glover, Miranda and Akira, testified 23 that Glover said, "get off me." Id. at 52, 95. Patrick then told Glover that they should go 24 downstairs to talk. Id. at 52.

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Miranda and Akira then testified that they observed Patrick walking down the stairs and 26 Glover following right behind him. JT3 at 52, 95. At this point, Miranda headed towards 27 Angela's room to retrieve some baby items and then heard three gunshots. Id. at 53. Similarly, 28 Akira who was sitting on the couch upstairs, testified that approximately 10 to 15 seconds after

1 she saw Glover following Patrick down the stairs, she heard three gunshots. Id. at 96. Miranda hurried out of Angela's room, looked at Akira, and they both ran towards the stairs. Id. at 53-2 3 54, 96. Miranda reached the stairs first and started to make her way down the stairs as Akira 4 stayed behind her mom. Id. Miranda and Akira looked down and saw Patrick's body lying on 5 the landing. Id. at 54, 96. Terrified, Akira ran back up the stairs and called 911. Id. at 55. 6 Miranda observed Glover holding a gun as he stood over Patrick's motionless body. Id. at 54. 7 Glover then raised his gun, pointed it at Miranda, and said something like: "don't tell on me, 8 don't say anything." Id. Miranda thought Glover was going to shoot her. Id. Miranda then saw 9 Glover go through the garage door, heard the garage door opening, and attempted to give 10 Patrick CPR until officers arrived. Id. at 56.

11 Fearful because Glover had, at gunpoint, threatened her and her family if she said anything, Miranda chose to initially tell police that Patrick had been shot by some unknown 12 13 person. JT3 at 68-71. Similarly, Akira initially told police that her step-father had been shot 14 by a person named Hatch, who had come to the townhome to buy marijuana from Patrick. Id. 15 at 103-04. In addition to Glover's threat, Miranda and Akira both chose to lie to police because 16 they testified that they knew Glover had committed other acts of violence against other people in the past. Id. at 89, 109. Miranda testified that once she went back upstairs to check on the 17 children in the house, she noticed they were in a room with the door shut. Id. at 57. The children 18 19 told Miranda that Glover had ushered them into the room, closed the door, and told them to 20 stay in the room. Id.

Upon arrival, Homicide Detective Benjamin Owens ("Det. Owens") began to protect the integrity of the crime scene after he determined that Patrick had been murdered. JT4 at 14-15. During his investigation, Det. Owens discovered that Patrick had a Glock 19 tucked into a waistband holder. Id. at 16, 18. Det. Owens testified that he later determined that the gun found on Patrick was loaded, however, its chamber was empty. Id. Therefore, the gun would not fire if the trigger was pulled. Id. Indeed, for the gun to fire it needed to be racked back in order for a round to enter its chamber. JT3 at 148. Det. Owens's investigation also revealed that the

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townhome had no signs of forced entry and that there was no property loss within the townhome. JT4 at 21. 2

Finally, the medical examiner testified that Patrick was shot three times. JT3 at 123. The first shot entered the back of Patrick's head at a downward angle, went through his brain, cut his brain stem, and lodged in his fractured jaw. Id. at 126. The second shot entered and exited through Patrick's inner right upper arm causing a broken humerus. Id. at 129. The third shot entered Patrick's upper right thigh. Id. at 130. The medical examiner concluded that wounds had a downward trajectory and the cause of Patrick's death was the gunshot wound to the back of his head. Id. at 131.

ANALYSIS

PETITIONER FAILED TO SATISFY STRICKLAND

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that, "[i]n all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right . . . to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense." The United States Supreme Court has long recognized that "the right to counsel is the right to the effective assistance of counsel." Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 686, 104 S. Ct. 2052, 2063 (1984); see also State v. Love, 109 Nev. 1136, 1138, 865 P.2d 322, 323 (1993).

To prevail on a claim of ineffective assistance of trial counsel, a defendant must prove he was denied "reasonably effective assistance" of counsel by satisfying the two-prong test of Strickland, 466 U.S. at 686-87, 104 S.Ct. at 2063-64. See also Love, 109 Nev. at 1138, 865 P.2d at 323. Under the Strickland test, a defendant must show first that his counsel's representation fell below an objective standard of reasonableness, and second, that but for counsel's errors, there is a reasonable probability that the result of the proceedings would have been different. 466 U.S. at 687-88, 694, 104 S.Ct. at 2065, 2068; Warden, Nevada State Prison v. Lyons, 100 Nev. 430, 432, 683 P.2d 504, 505 (1984) (adopting the Strickland two-part test). "[T]here is no reason for a court deciding an ineffective assistance claim to approach the inquiry in the same order or even to address both components of the inquiry if the defendant makes an insufficient showing on one." Strickland, 466 U.S. at 697, 104 S.Ct. at 2069.

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The court begins with the presumption of effectiveness and then must determine whether the defendant has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that counsel was ineffective. <u>Means v. State</u>, 120 Nev. 1001, 1011, 103 P.3d 25, 32 (2004). "Effective counsel does not mean errorless counsel, but rather counsel whose assistance is '[w]ithin the range of competence demanded of attorneys in criminal cases." <u>Jackson v. Warden</u>, 91 Nev. 430, 432, 537 P.2d 473, 474 (1975).

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A.

Failure to object to testimonial hearsay

27 Petitioner first claims that trial counsel was ineffective for failing to object to Coroner 28 Medical Examiner Jennifer Corneal ("Dr. Corneal")'s testimony, which included a review of

In the instant Petition, Petitioner alleges that trial counsel was ineffective in two (2)

ways: first, he argues that trial counsel failed to object to testimonial hearsay; second, he

argues that trial counsel had a conflict of interest that rendered counsel ineffective. See,

Petition at 16, 22. This Court concludes that Petitioner is not entitled to relief on these claims:

1 an autopsy report and accompanying photographs prepared by one Dr. Dutra (retired). JT3 at 118, 121. Specifically, Petitioner relies on Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts, 557 U.S. 305, 2 129 S.Ct. 2527 (2009) (erroneously cited as "Commonwealth v. Melendez-Diaz"), and 3 Crawford v. Washington, 541 U.S. 36, 124 S.Ct. 1354 (2004), to argue that Corneal's 4 testimony amounted to "testimonial hearsay evidence" that violated Petitioner's constitutional rights to confrontation. See, Petition at 16-21. 6

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7 The Nevada Supreme Court has explained that "the Confrontation Clause bars the use 8 of a testimonial statement made by a witness who is unavailable for trial unless the defendant 9 had an opportunity to previously cross-examine the witness regarding the witness's 10 statement." Medina v. State, 122 Nev. 346, 353, 143 P.3d 471, 476 (2006) (citing Crawford, 11 541 U.S. at 68). While this constitutional restriction applies to forensic laboratory results (see, 12 Melendez-Diaz, 557 U.S. at 329), the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that a surrogate may provide her "independent opinion as an expert witness" regarding the laboratory results. 13 14 Vega v. State, 126 Nev. 332, 340, 236 P.3d 632, 638 (2010). Accord. State v. Navarrette, 294 15 P.3d 435, 443 (N.M. 2013) ("[A]n expert witness may express an independent opinion 16 regarding his or her interpretation of raw data without offending the Confrontation Clause."). The admissibility of the surrogate's testimony, relying on a third party's laboratory report, was 17 explained by the U.S. Supreme Court: 18

> When an expert testifies for the prosecution in a criminal case, the defendant has the opportunity to cross-examine the expert about any statements that are offered for their truth. Out-of-court statements that are related by the expert solely for the purpose of explaining the assumptions on which that opinion rests are not offered for their truth and thus fall outside the scope of the Confrontation Clause.

Williams v. Illinois, 567 U.S. 50, 58, 132 S.Ct. 2221, 2228 (2012) (emphasis added). 23

24 Dr. Corneal did not perform the autopsy on the decedent, but she did testify at trial about the manner and cause of death. After setting forth her qualifications, Dr. Corneal 25 testified that she had reviewed the autopsy report and photographs. Dr. Corneal testified she 26 had made her own opinions as to the cause and manner of death. Nothing contained in Dr. 27 28 Corneal's testimony referred to the opinions and conclusions of Dr. Dutra. See JT3, at 118-

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133. THIS COURT FINDS Dr. Corneal's testimony is not testimonial hearsay in violation of the Confrontation Clause.

B. Conflict of interest

Petitioner's second claim alleges that trial counsel was ineffective due to a conflict of interest. Petition at 22-26.

The U.S. Supreme Court explained in <u>Mickens v. Taylor</u> when a conflict of interest may violate a defendant's Sixth Amendment right to effective assistance of counsel. 535 U.S. 162, 122 S.Ct. 1237 (2002). The <u>Mickens</u> Court specifically rejected the notion that a defendant "need only show that his lawyer was subject to a conflict of interest." <u>Id.</u> at 170-71, 122 S.Ct. at 1243. Instead, that court determined that "an actual conflict of interest" was necessary, meaning "precisely a conflict *that affected counsel's performance*—as opposted to a mere theoretical division of loyalties." <u>Id.</u> at 171, 122 S.Ct. at 1243 (citing <u>Cuyler v. Sullivan</u>, 446 U.S. 335, 349-50, 100 S.Ct. 1708 (1980)) (emphasis in original).

Petitioner does not set forth any specific conflict of interest. Petitioner engages in mere conjecture. <u>See</u> Petition at 24 ("scope of Flemings former representation is unknown," "it is reasonable to infer that Mr. Fleming would have provided confidential and/or sensitive information about his violent conduct to his Public Defender.").

Petitioner claims the Public Defenders' office represented Mr. Fleming in a misdemeanor battery domestic case in 2001 and a disorderly conduct case in 2010. However, Petitioner does not allege an actual conflict involving Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Bashor or how the representation of the two misdemeanor cases 14 and 4 years prior by the Public Defenders' office created a conflict. Nowhere in the record or the Petition establishes a conflict affecting Counsels' performance. <u>See Mickens</u>, 535 U.S. 162, 122 S.Ct. 1237.

Here, evidence established that Mr. Fleming was shot in the back of the head at a downward angle, which would undermine a self-defense theory. <u>See</u> JT3 at 126. Petitioner's theory at trial was that he was not the shooter. This was a tactical decision by defense counsel, and the record does not support a claim that Petitioner objected to such said strategy.

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Thus, THE COURT FINDS Petitioner failed to satisfy both prongs of Strickland.

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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On February 4, 2016, SHAWN GLOVER, aka Shawn Lynn Glover, Jr. (hereinafter 3 "Petitioner") was charged by way of Indictment with MURDER WITH USE OF A DEADLY 4 5 WEAPON (Category A Felony - NRS 200.010, 200.030, 193.165); ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON (Category B Felony – NRS 200.471); OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION 6 7 OF A FIREARM BY PROHIBITED PERSON (Category B Felony - NRS 202.360); and DISCHARGE OF FIREARM FROM OR WITHIN A STRUCTURE OR VEHICLE 8 9 (Category B Felony - NRS 202.287) for his actions on or about January 1, 2016. Petitioner 10 was arraigned on the Indictment on February 8, 2016, with Deputy Public Defender Ryan 11 Bashor ("Bashor") representing him.

On March 4, 2016, Jess Marchese, Esq. substituted in as counsel for Petitioner in place
of the Public Defender's Office. However, on April 7, 2016, Mr. Marchese filed a Motion to
Withdraw as Counsel on the grounds that Petitioner was not fulfilling his contractual
obligations. The Court granted Mr. Marchese's Motion on April 18, 2016, and the Public
Defender's Office accepted appointment as Petitioner's counsel once again.

On July 30, 2018, Petitioner's case proceeded to jury trial. On August 3, 2018, after
five (5) days of trial, the jury returned its Verdict of Guilty of First Degree Murder with use
of a Deadly Weapon, Guilty of Assault with use of a Deadly Weapon, and Guilty of Discharge
of Firearm from or Within a Structure or Vehicle. The parties stipulated to waive sentencing
by the jury for the First Degree Murder charge.

On October 10, 2018, Petitioner was sentenced, as follows: Count 1 – LIFE in the
Nevada Department of Corrections (NDC) without the possibility of parole, plus a consecutive
forty-eight (48) to one hundred eighty (180) months for the use of a deadly weapon; Count 2
- twenty-eight (28) to seventy-two (72) months in NDC, concurrent with Count 1; Count 3 –
sixty (60) to one hundred eighty (180) months in NDC, concurrent with Counts 1 and 2.
Petitioner was given one thousand eleven (1011) days credit for time served. Petitioner's
Judgment of Conviction was filed on October 15, 2018.

On November 8, 2018, Petitioner filed a Notice of Appeal. On October 24, 2019, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed Petitioner's judgment of conviction. Remittitur issued on November 23, 2019.

On March 5, 2020, Petitioner filed an omnibus Motion, which included a request for post-conviction counsel. Despite there being no post-conviction matter pending, the Court granted Petitioner's request for post-conviction counsel on April 30, 2020. Lucas Gaffney, Esq. confirmed as counsel for Petitioner on May 21, 2020.

8 On September 14, 2020, Petitioner filed the instant Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus 9 (Post-Conviction) (his "instant Petition"). On September 17, 2020, the Deputy Clerk of the 10 Court filed a Notice of Nonconforming Document regarding Petitioner's instant Petition. As 11 of the time of the instant Response, no conforming document has been filed pursuant to 12 Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rule 8(b)(2). The State filed its Response and 13 Motion to Strike Petitioner's instant Petition on November 13, 2020. On January 4, 2021, 14 Petitioner filed an Amended Petition, making no substantive changes but conforming to the Court rules. 15

16 On January 8, 2021, this matter came before the Court for hearing. After arguments of the parties, the Court took the matter under advisement. On February 5, 2021, the Court issued 17 a Minute Order making the following findings and conclusions: 18

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

20 On January 1, 2016, Miranda Sutton ("Miranda") lived in a townhome in North Las Vegas with her husband, Patrick Fleming ("Patrick"), her 21-year-old daughter Akira Veasley 22 ("Akira"), her goddaughter Angela, and Angela's two boys. Jury Trial Transcript, Day 3, dated August 1, 2018 ("JT3") at 42-43, 90-91. Approximately, one week prior to Miranda and her 24 family moving into the townhome, Glover, also temporarily moved in. Id. at 45-46. Glover 25 started staying with Miranda and her family because he had a daughter with Angela. Id.

26 On the morning of New Year's Day, 2016, Patrick woke up, drove Angela to work, and 27 stopped by his office to retrieve his paycheck. JT3 at 46-47. When he returned, Patrick 28 confronted his step-daughter, Akira, about having a young man in his vehicle on New Year's

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Eve when he asked her not to. Id. at 47-48. Akira then started to argue with Patrick in the garage. Id. at 92. Hearing the argument, Miranda headed downstairs and into the garage. Id. at 47-48. There, she observed her husband, Patrick, and her daughter, Akira, engaged in a "typical argument." Id.

At some point, Glover interrupted the argument when he came downstairs and handed 6 Miranda the phone. JT3 at 93. Miranda spoke to Angela on the phone and observed Glover head back up the stairway of the townhome. Id. at 49. After the argument ended and Patrick 7 8 apologized, Glover came downstairs a second time and asked to speak with Miranda. Id. at 49-50, 94. Miranda followed Glover upstairs. Id. at 50. Upstairs, Glover headed towards Angela's 10 bedroom and asked to speak with Miranda in the bedroom. Id. Once in the bedroom, Glover asked Miranda: "do you want me to handle this, do you want me to take care of it?" Confused, 12 Miranda asked for clarification. Id. Glover explained that he heard Patrick "down there 13 fighting you guys." Id. Miranda admitted to Glover that there was an argument, however, she assured him that "everything [was] okay . . . [and that there was] no problem." Id. 14

During the conversation between Miranda and Glover, Akira testified that "[e]verything 15 16 was done [and] [e]verything [was] fine at this point." JT3 at 94. Miranda and Glover exited Angela's bedroom and Patrick confronted Glover as to why he was talking to Miranda. Id. at 17 52. Miranda and Akira testified that they observed the confrontation between Glover and 18 19 Patrick. Id. at 52, 94. They further testified that they heard Glover accuse Patrick of fighting 20 with both women in the garage. Id. Patrick denied Glover's allegation and explained that they 21 were "just having a conversation." Id. at 94. Akira observed that Patrick's denial made Glover 22 "even more mad." Id. When Patrick attempted to touch Glover, Miranda and Akira, testified 23 that Glover said, "get off me." Id. at 52, 95. Patrick then told Glover that they should go 24 downstairs to talk. Id. at 52.

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Miranda and Akira then testified that they observed Patrick walking down the stairs and 26 Glover following right behind him. JT3 at 52, 95. At this point, Miranda headed towards 27 Angela's room to retrieve some baby items and then heard three gunshots. Id. at 53. Similarly, 28 Akira who was sitting on the couch upstairs, testified that approximately 10 to 15 seconds after

1 she saw Glover following Patrick down the stairs, she heard three gunshots. Id. at 96. Miranda hurried out of Angela's room, looked at Akira, and they both ran towards the stairs. Id. at 53-2 3 54, 96. Miranda reached the stairs first and started to make her way down the stairs as Akira 4 stayed behind her mom. Id. Miranda and Akira looked down and saw Patrick's body lying on 5 the landing. Id. at 54, 96. Terrified, Akira ran back up the stairs and called 911. Id. at 55. 6 Miranda observed Glover holding a gun as he stood over Patrick's motionless body. Id. at 54. 7 Glover then raised his gun, pointed it at Miranda, and said something like: "don't tell on me, 8 don't say anything." Id. Miranda thought Glover was going to shoot her. Id. Miranda then saw 9 Glover go through the garage door, heard the garage door opening, and attempted to give 10 Patrick CPR until officers arrived. Id. at 56.

11 Fearful because Glover had, at gunpoint, threatened her and her family if she said anything, Miranda chose to initially tell police that Patrick had been shot by some unknown 12 13 person. JT3 at 68-71. Similarly, Akira initially told police that her step-father had been shot 14 by a person named Hatch, who had come to the townhome to buy marijuana from Patrick. Id. 15 at 103-04. In addition to Glover's threat, Miranda and Akira both chose to lie to police because 16 they testified that they knew Glover had committed other acts of violence against other people in the past. Id. at 89, 109. Miranda testified that once she went back upstairs to check on the 17 children in the house, she noticed they were in a room with the door shut. Id. at 57. The children 18 19 told Miranda that Glover had ushered them into the room, closed the door, and told them to 20 stay in the room. Id.

Upon arrival, Homicide Detective Benjamin Owens ("Det. Owens") began to protect the integrity of the crime scene after he determined that Patrick had been murdered. JT4 at 14-15. During his investigation, Det. Owens discovered that Patrick had a Glock 19 tucked into a waistband holder. Id. at 16, 18. Det. Owens testified that he later determined that the gun found on Patrick was loaded, however, its chamber was empty. Id. Therefore, the gun would not fire if the trigger was pulled. Id. Indeed, for the gun to fire it needed to be racked back in order for a round to enter its chamber. JT3 at 148. Det. Owens's investigation also revealed that the

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townhome had no signs of forced entry and that there was no property loss within the townhome. JT4 at 21. 2

Finally, the medical examiner testified that Patrick was shot three times. JT3 at 123. The first shot entered the back of Patrick's head at a downward angle, went through his brain, cut his brain stem, and lodged in his fractured jaw. Id. at 126. The second shot entered and exited through Patrick's inner right upper arm causing a broken humerus. Id. at 129. The third shot entered Patrick's upper right thigh. Id. at 130. The medical examiner concluded that wounds had a downward trajectory and the cause of Patrick's death was the gunshot wound to the back of his head. Id. at 131.

ANALYSIS

PETITIONER FAILED TO SATISFY STRICKLAND

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that, "[i]n all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right . . . to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense." The United States Supreme Court has long recognized that "the right to counsel is the right to the effective assistance of counsel." Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 686, 104 S. Ct. 2052, 2063 (1984); see also State v. Love, 109 Nev. 1136, 1138, 865 P.2d 322, 323 (1993).

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10 The Nevada Supreme Court has held "that a habeas corpus petitioner must prove the 11 disputed factual allegations underlying his ineffective-assistance claim by a preponderance of 12 the evidence." Means v. State, 120 Nev. 1001, 1012, 103 P.3d 25, 33 (2004). Furthermore, 13 claims of ineffective assistance of counsel asserted in a petition for post-conviction relief must 14 be supported with specific factual allegations, which if true, would entitle the petitioner to relief. Hargrove v. State, 100 Nev. 498, 502, 686 P.2d 222, 225 (1984). "Bare" and "naked" 15 16 allegations are not sufficient, nor are those belied and repelled by the record. Id. "A claim is 17 'belied' when it is contradicted or proven to be false by the record as it existed at the time the claim was made." Mann v. State, 118 Nev. 351, 354, 46 P.3d 1228, 1230 (2002). NRS 18 19 34.735(6) states in relevant part, "[Petitioner] *must* allege specific facts supporting the claims 20 in the petition[.]... Failure to allege specific facts rather than just conclusions may cause your 21 petition to be dismissed." (emphasis added).

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A.

Failure to object to testimonial hearsay

27 Petitioner first claims that trial counsel was ineffective for failing to object to Coroner 28 Medical Examiner Jennifer Corneal ("Dr. Corneal")'s testimony, which included a review of

In the instant Petition, Petitioner alleges that trial counsel was ineffective in two (2)

ways: first, he argues that trial counsel failed to object to testimonial hearsay; second, he

argues that trial counsel had a conflict of interest that rendered counsel ineffective. See,

Petition at 16, 22. This Court concludes that Petitioner is not entitled to relief on these claims:

1 an autopsy report and accompanying photographs prepared by one Dr. Dutra (retired). JT3 at 118, 121. Specifically, Petitioner relies on Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts, 557 U.S. 305, 2 129 S.Ct. 2527 (2009) (erroneously cited as "Commonwealth v. Melendez-Diaz"), and 3 Crawford v. Washington, 541 U.S. 36, 124 S.Ct. 1354 (2004), to argue that Corneal's 4 testimony amounted to "testimonial hearsay evidence" that violated Petitioner's constitutional rights to confrontation. See, Petition at 16-21. 6

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7 The Nevada Supreme Court has explained that "the Confrontation Clause bars the use 8 of a testimonial statement made by a witness who is unavailable for trial unless the defendant 9 had an opportunity to previously cross-examine the witness regarding the witness's 10 statement." Medina v. State, 122 Nev. 346, 353, 143 P.3d 471, 476 (2006) (citing Crawford, 11 541 U.S. at 68). While this constitutional restriction applies to forensic laboratory results (see, 12 Melendez-Diaz, 557 U.S. at 329), the Nevada Supreme Court has determined that a surrogate may provide her "independent opinion as an expert witness" regarding the laboratory results. 13 14 Vega v. State, 126 Nev. 332, 340, 236 P.3d 632, 638 (2010). Accord. State v. Navarrette, 294 15 P.3d 435, 443 (N.M. 2013) ("[A]n expert witness may express an independent opinion 16 regarding his or her interpretation of raw data without offending the Confrontation Clause."). The admissibility of the surrogate's testimony, relying on a third party's laboratory report, was 17 explained by the U.S. Supreme Court: 18

> When an expert testifies for the prosecution in a criminal case, the defendant has the opportunity to cross-examine the expert about any statements that are offered for their truth. Out-of-court statements that are related by the expert solely for the purpose of explaining the assumptions on which that opinion rests are not offered for their truth and thus fall outside the scope of the Confrontation Clause.

Williams v. Illinois, 567 U.S. 50, 58, 132 S.Ct. 2221, 2228 (2012) (emphasis added). 23

24 Dr. Corneal did not perform the autopsy on the decedent, but she did testify at trial about the manner and cause of death. After setting forth her qualifications, Dr. Corneal 25 testified that she had reviewed the autopsy report and photographs. Dr. Corneal testified she 26 had made her own opinions as to the cause and manner of death. Nothing contained in Dr. 27 28 Corneal's testimony referred to the opinions and conclusions of Dr. Dutra. See JT3, at 118-

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133. THIS COURT FINDS Dr. Corneal's testimony is not testimonial hearsay in violation of the Confrontation Clause.

B. Conflict of interest

Petitioner's second claim alleges that trial counsel was ineffective due to a conflict of interest. Petition at 22-26.

The U.S. Supreme Court explained in <u>Mickens v. Taylor</u> when a conflict of interest may violate a defendant's Sixth Amendment right to effective assistance of counsel. 535 U.S. 162, 122 S.Ct. 1237 (2002). The <u>Mickens</u> Court specifically rejected the notion that a defendant "need only show that his lawyer was subject to a conflict of interest." <u>Id.</u> at 170-71, 122 S.Ct. at 1243. Instead, that court determined that "an actual conflict of interest" was necessary, meaning "precisely a conflict *that affected counsel's performance*—as opposted to a mere theoretical division of loyalties." <u>Id.</u> at 171, 122 S.Ct. at 1243 (citing <u>Cuyler v. Sullivan</u>, 446 U.S. 335, 349-50, 100 S.Ct. 1708 (1980)) (emphasis in original).

Petitioner does not set forth any specific conflict of interest. Petitioner engages in mere conjecture. <u>See</u> Petition at 24 ("scope of Flemings former representation is unknown," "it is reasonable to infer that Mr. Fleming would have provided confidential and/or sensitive information about his violent conduct to his Public Defender.").

Petitioner claims the Public Defenders' office represented Mr. Fleming in a misdemeanor battery domestic case in 2001 and a disorderly conduct case in 2010. However, Petitioner does not allege an actual conflict involving Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Bashor or how the representation of the two misdemeanor cases 14 and 4 years prior by the Public Defenders' office created a conflict. Nowhere in the record or the Petition establishes a conflict affecting Counsels' performance. <u>See Mickens</u>, 535 U.S. 162, 122 S.Ct. 1237.

Here, evidence established that Mr. Fleming was shot in the back of the head at a downward angle, which would undermine a self-defense theory. <u>See</u> JT3 at 126. Petitioner's theory at trial was that he was not the shooter. This was a tactical decision by defense counsel, and the record does not support a claim that Petitioner objected to such said strategy.

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Thus, THE COURT FINDS Petitioner failed to satisfy both prongs of Strickland.

1	Additionally, the Court notes that an evidentiary hearing is unwarranted, as the record does		
2	not need to be expanded.		
3	CONCLUSION		
4	Therefore, COURT ORDERED, Petitioner Shawn Glover's Petition for Writ of Habeas		
5	Corpus (Post-Conviction) shall bem and is, DENIED.		
6	DATED this day of February, 2021. Dated this 25th day of February, 2021		
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9	DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 5D8 F98 7C0C 4126		
10	Respectfully submitted, GTELUELD WOLFSON		
11	STEVEN B. WOLFSON Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar #001565		
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13	BY /s/JOHN NIMAN JOHN NIMAN Deputy District Attorney		
14	Deputy District Attorney Nevada Bar #14408		
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16	CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC FILING		
17	I hereby certify that service of the above and foregoing, was made this 22nd day of		
18	February, 2021, by Electronic Filing to:		
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20	LUCAS GAFFNEY, ESQ. Email: <u>lucas@gaffneylawlv.com</u>		
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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Writ of Habeas Corpus		COURT MINUTES	January 08, 2021
A-20-821176-W Shawn Glover, P vs. The State of Nev		Plaintiff(s) vada, Defendant(s)	
January 08, 202	8:30 AM	Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus	
HEARD BY: Villani, Michael		COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 11A
COURT CLERK: Louisa Garcia			
RECORDER: Cynthia Georgilas			
REPORTER:			
PARTIES PRESENT:	Flinn, William W. Gaffney, Lucas	Attorney Attorney	

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- Defendant not present, in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

Mr. Gaffney stated the first matter he wanted to address was the State's request to strike the Petition as a non-conforming document. The reason it was non-conforming was because he filed the cover sheet and the petition together as a single document and they should have been filed separately. He went ahead and filed amended petition on January 4 which should remedy the non-conforming document issue. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Flinn stated he received the amended petition; however, has not had time to review itt. Mr. Flinn stated if the only change was the cover sheet he has no problem. Mr. Gaffney stated there were no substantive changes.

Mr. Gaffney argued in support of Petition regarding ineffective assistance of counsel, testimony hearsay and possible conflict regarding dual representation. Mr. Flinn argued in opposition. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Gaffney stated the victim's cases were 01M20858X and 10F15357X, attached as exhibit "B" to the Petition. Court advised as to the conflict, under the circumstances of this case, it was a reasonable, tactical decision by counsel not to pursue a self-defense claim in light of all the factors of this particular case. As to the issue of the doctor testifying, Court advised it wanted to look

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at the doctor's testimony to confirm how they couched their opinions as to cause and manner of death. Mr. Gaffney referenced day 3 of the trial, noting the testimony starts on Page 118; transcript was filed December 31, 2018. COURT ORDERED, matter TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT; Court will issue a written decision within the next week.

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Writ of Habeas Corpus		COURT MINUTES		February 05, 2021
A-20-821176-W Shawn Glover, Pl vs. The State of Neva		Plaintiff(s) vada, Defendant(s)		
February 05, 2021	3:00 AM	Minute Order		
HEARD BY: Villani	, Michael	COURTROOM:	Chambers	
COURT CLERK: Sa	mantha Albrecht			
RECORDER:				
REPORTER:				
PARTIES PRESENT:				

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- Petitioner's Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) came before the Court, whereupon the Court took the matter under further advisement. The Court adopts the procedural history as set forth in the State's Response to Petitioner's PCR. After considering all pleadings and arguments, the Court renders its decision as follows:

Petitioner's request for relief is based upon two issues:

(1) Failure to object to testimonial hearsay:

Dr. Corneal did not perform the autopsy on the decedent, but she did testify at trial about the manner and cause of death. After setting forth her qualifications, Dr. Corneal testified that she had reviewed the autopsy report and photographs. Dr. Corneal testified she had made her own opinions as to the cause and manner of death. Nothing contained in Dr. Corneal's testimony referred to the opinions and conclusions of Dr. Dutra. See JT day 3, at 118 - 133. THIS COURT FINDS Dr. Corneal's testimony is not testimonial hearsay in violation of the Confrontation Clause.

(2) Conflict of interest:

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Here, Evidence established that Mr. Fleming was shot in the back of the head at a downward angle, which would undermine a self-defense theory. See JT day 3, at 126. Petitioner s theory at trial was that he was not the shooter. This was a tactical decision by defense counsel, and the record does not support a claim that Petitioner objected to such said strategy.

Thus, COURT FINDS Petitioner failed to satisfy both prongs of Strickland. Additionally, an evidentiary is unwarranted as the record does not need to be expanded.

Therefore, COURT ORDERD, Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction), DENIED. COURT ORDERS State to submit a proposed order consistent with the foregoing and is approved by the State regarding its form and content within twenty-one (21) days after Counsel is notified of the ruling and distribute a filed copy to all parties involved pursuant to EDCR 7.21. Such order should set forth a synopsis of the supporting reasons proffered to the Court in briefing. Status check for February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, regarding the filing of the order. That date to be vacated if the Court receives the order prior to February 23, 2021.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this Minute Order was provided to counsel by e-mail. 2/5/2021 sa

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Writ of Habeas Corpus		COURT MINUTES	February 23, 2021
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February 23, 20	21 8:30 AM	Status Check	
HEARD BY: Villani, Michael		COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 11A
COURT CLERK: Samantha Albrecht			
RECORDER: REPORTER:	Cynthia Georgilas		
PARTIES PRESENT:	Meng, Yu The State of Nevada	Attorney Defendant	
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- Defendant not present. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Meng stated he would make sure the Order is filed this week. COURT ORDERED, Status Check CONTINUED. Court advised Status Check would be vacated if the Order was filed.

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Certification of Copy

State of Nevada County of Clark SS:

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES

Case No: A-20-821176-W

Dept No: XVII

SHAWN GLOVER,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

WILLIAM GITTERE, in his official capacity as the Warden of the ELY STATE PRISON; CHARLES DANIELS, in his official capacity as Director of the NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; STATE OF NEVADA,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 29 day of March 2021. Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk