# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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SAMMIE NUNN, Appellant(s),

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent(s),

Case No: A-21-835110-W

Docket No: 83660

# RECORD ON APPEAL VOLUME 2

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if the claim or allegation was previously available with reasonable diligence, it is an abuse of the Writ to wait to assert it in a later Petition. McClesky v. Zant, 499 U.S. 467, 497-498 (1991). Application of NRS 34.810(2) is mandatory. See Riker, 121 Nev. at 231, 112 P.3d at 1074.

As stated *supra*, this is Petitioner's *third* post-conviction Habeas Petition. Each of Petitioner's first two Petitions were previously adjudicated on the merits; therefore, the instant Petition is successive, and must be dismissed. NRS 34.810(2). Further, to the extent that Petitioner raises new claims that were not raised in Petitioner's earlier Petitions, Petitioner's third Petition amount to an abuse of the Writ and must likewise be dismissed. <u>Id.</u>

Because the instant Petition is successive and/or an abuse of the Writ, this Court need not reach the merits of the instant Petition and summarily dismisses the same.

### B. Petitioner's Claims are Subject to the Law of the Case Doctrine

"The law of a first appeal is law of the case on all subsequent appeals in which the facts are substantially the same." Hall v. State, 91 Nev. 314, 315, 535 P.2d 797, 798 (1975) (quoting Walker v. State, 85 Nev. 337, 343, 455 P.2d 34, 38 (1969)). "The doctrine of the law of the case cannot be avoided by a more detailed and precisely focused argument subsequently made after reflection upon the previous proceedings." Id. at 316, 535 P.2d at 799. Under the law of the case doctrine, issues previously decided on direct appeal may not be reargued in a Habeas Petition. Pellegrini v. State, 117 Nev. at 879, 34 P.3d at 532 (citing McNelton v. State, 115 Nev. 396, 414-15, 990 P.2d 1263, 1275 (1999)).

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In the instant Petition, Petitioner raises a number of claims that have previously been rejected. First, Petitioner raises a claim under <u>Brady v. Maryland</u>, 373 U.S. 83, 83 S.Ct. 1194 (1963), alleging that the State withheld the record of Victim's civil proceeding against Petitioner. <u>See</u> Third Petition at "3"-"4". However, this claim is substantially the same as Petitioner's claim raised in his second Petition. <u>See</u> Second Petition at 2-7 (quoting transcripts from Victim's civil proceeding against Petitioner, and alleging that Petitioner was unaware of the same at the time he agreed to the GPA). Therefore, as this substantive claim has already been rejected, it is barred by the law of the case doctrine and is dismissed here.

Petitioner proceeds to include various allegations of ineffective assistance of – and irreconcilable differences with – plea counsel. <u>Third Petition</u> at "8." However, these allegations have previously been raised, and have been rejected. <u>See, e.g., Second Petition</u> at 11-12. As those claims were previously adjudicated, they cannot be re-raised in the instant Petition, merely couched in a different way. Hall, 91 Nev. at 316, 535 P.2d at 799.

Petitioner also includes a claim of a "fundamental miscarriage of justice." <u>Third Petition</u> at "12." However, that phrase is exclusive to claims of actual innocence – which Petitioner has expressly raised, and which has been rejected, as part of Petitioner's Second Petition. <u>See Second Petition</u> at 8-10. Therefore, this claim is likewise barred by the law of the case doctrine and res judicata.<sup>2</sup>

# C. Petitioner's Claims Fall Outside the Scope of Habeas Review

Under NRS 34.810(1),

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.

unless the Court finds both cause for the failure to present the grounds and actual prejudice to the Petitioner.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court references the pages as labeled by Petitioner, as the organization of the instant Petition renders citation to the actual page numbers unreliable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Petitioner fails to demonstrate actual innocence, as a claim of actual innocence requires "new evidence"; however, the evidence upon which Petitioner relies is not new. <u>Compare Third Petition</u> at "16" <u>with Second Petition</u> at 8-10.

(emphasis added).

Furthermore, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "challenges to the validity of a guilty plea and claims of ineffective assistance of trial and appellate counsel must first be pursued in post-conviction proceedings.... [A]ll other claims that are appropriate for a direct appeal must be pursued on direct appeal, or they will be *considered waived in subsequent proceedings*." Franklin v. State, 110 Nev. 750, 752, 877 P.2d 1058, 1059 (1994) (emphasis added) (disapproved of on other grounds by Thomas v. State, 115 Nev. 148, 979 P.2d 222 (1999)). "A Court must dismiss a Habeas Petition if it presents claims that either were or could have been presented in an earlier proceeding, unless the Court finds both cause for failing to present the claims earlier or for raising them again and actual prejudice to the Petitioner." Evans v. State, 117 Nev. 609, 646-47, 29 P.3d 498, 523 (2001), overruled on other grounds by Lisle v. State, 131 Nev. 356, 351 P.3d 725 (2015). Additionally, substantive claims are beyond the scope of Habeas and waived. NRS 34.724(2)(a); see also Evans, 117 Nev. at 646-47, 29 P.3d 498 at 523; Franklin, 110 Nev. at 752, 877 P.2d 1058 at 1059.

Petitioner readily acknowledges that he pled guilty. See, e.g., Third Petition at 2. Therefore, pursuant to statute, the only claims available for post-conviction review include allegations that the guilty plea was not knowingly and voluntarily entered into, and ineffective assistance of plea counsel. NRS 34.810(1)(a). However, Petitioner raises a number of claims that do not fall under these categories: first, Petitioner alleges prosecutorial misconduct throughout the plea process. See Third Petition at "4." He also alleges Court error and/or bias. See id. at "7." Petitioner includes a claim of a "fundamental miscarriage of justice." See id. at "12." Petitioner also lists claims of "further misconduct by the State," "manufacturing evidence," and "three false documents." Id. at "16." Petitioner finally makes a claim of "new evidence." Id. at "18." None of these claims deal with the validity of the guilty plea, nor do they touch upon plea counsel's effectiveness.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Moreover, Petitioner's guilty plea has already been expressly upheld on review. <u>See Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, filed on November 20, 2019 (in Case No. C-18-336184-1) at 2-4.</u>

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Because Petitioner's claims fall outside the limited scope of Habeas review, they are summarily dismissed.

### PETITIONER FAILS TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD CAUSE II.

To establish good cause to overcome the procedural bars, a Petitioner must show that an impediment external to the defense prevented his compliance with the applicable procedural rule. Clem v. State, 119 Nev. 615, 621, 81 P.3d 521, 525 (2003). An example of a qualifying impediment might be where the factual or legal basis for the claim was not reasonably available at the time of the procedural default. <u>Id.</u> The <u>Clem</u> Court explained that Petitioners "cannot attempt to manufacture good cause[.]" Id. at 621, 81 P.3d at 526. Other examples of good cause include interference by State officials and the previous unavailability of a legal or factual basis. See State v. Huebler, 128 Nev. 192, 197, 275 P.3d 91, 95 (2012). To find good cause there must be a "substantial reason; one that affords a legal excuse." Hathaway v. State, 119 Nev. 248, 252, 71 P.3d 503, 506 (2003) (internal quotation omitted).

Petitioner does not attempt to substantively argue good cause according to the legal standard. Instead, Petitioner merely interjects the words "good cause" when labeling his various claims. See, e.g., Third Petition at "12." To the extent that Petitioner seeks to rely on his allegedly "new evidence" to establish good cause, the evidence is not new and has been referenced in Petitioner's previous pleadings. Furthermore, Petitioner does not assert that this evidence was not reasonably available at the time he filed any of his earlier proceedings, much less does he specify how it was unavailable. See generally, Third Petition.

Because Petitioner cannot demonstrate good cause, Petitioner cannot overcome the procedural bar to the instant Petition, and the Petition is dismissed.

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### III. PETITIONER IS NOT ENTITLED TO AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that if a Petition can be resolved without expanding the record, then no evidentiary hearing is necessary. Marshall v. State, 110 Nev. 1328, 885 P.2d 603 (1994); Mann v. State, 118 Nev. 351, 356, 46 P.3d 1228, 1231. A Defendant is entitled to an evidentiary hearing if his Petition is supported by specific factual allegations, which, if true, would entitle him to relief unless the factual allegations are repelled by the record. Marshall, 110 Nev. at 1331, 885 P.2d at 605; see also Hargrove v. State, 100 Nev. 498, 503, 686 P.2d 222, 225 (holding that "[a] Defendant seeking post-conviction relief is not entitled to an evidentiary hearing on factual allegations belied or repelled by the record"). "A claim is 'belied' when it is contradicted or proven to be false by the record as it existed at the time the claim was made." Mann at 354, 46 P.3d at 1230 (2002). It is improper to hold an evidentiary hearing simply to make a complete record. See Riker, 121 Nev. at 234, 112 P.3d at 1076 (2005) ("The District Court considered itself the 'equivalent of . . . the trial Judge' and consequently wanted 'to make as complete a record as possible.' This is an incorrect basis for an evidentiary hearing.").

The instant Petition is procedurally barred for the reasons previously stated. Petitioner has failed to demonstrate good cause to overcome the procedural bars. Because the instant Petition is procedurally barred under various statutory rules, there is no reason to conduct an evidentiary hearing.

### IV. DEFENDANT'S AMENDED MOTION IS STRIKEN

After a Defendant files a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, if the Petition is not summarily dismissed, the Court may order the State to respond to the Petition. NRS 34.745. If a Petitioner requests counsel, and the Court appoints counsel, counsel may file a supplement to the Petition within 30 days. NRS 34.750(3) The State may file a response to the supplemental Petition within 15 days. <u>Id.</u> A Petitioner may respond if the State files a motion to dismiss within 15 days of service of the motion to dismiss. NRS 34.750(4). No further pleadings may be filed except as ordered by the Court. NRS 34.750(5).

Petitioner filed his Petition on May 24, 2021. The State responded on July 6, 2021. Counsel has not been appointed in this matter, and the State did not file a motion to dismiss the action. Therefore, no further pleadings may be filed except as ordered by this Court. The Court has not ordered, and Petitioner has neither sought nor been granted permission to file, any responsive pleading to the State's response to the Petition.

Even assuming the State's invocation of the procedural bars in its Response were construed as a motion to dismiss, the pleading was mailed to Petitioner on July 6, 2021, and he did not respond until August 16, 2021 (at the earliest). State's Response at 12 (Certificate of Mailing); Amended Motion at 1 (Dated August 16, 2021 but filed August 27, 2021.) Assuming the earlier date controls, Petitioner "responded" 41 days after the State's Response was mailed, well outside of the 15 days permitted by statute.

Accordingly, the Amended Motion is stricken as it is not permitted pursuant to statute.

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1	<u>ORDER</u>		
2	THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Third Petition for Post-Conviction		
3	Relief shall be, and it is, hereby dismissed. FURTHER, the State's Motion to Strike the		
4	Amended Motion shall be, and it is, hereby granted, and the Amended Motion is STRICKEN.		
5	DATED this day of September, 2021.		
6	Dated this 20th day of September, 2021		
7	DISTRICT JUDGE		
8	STEVEN B. WOLFSON Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar #001565  28B 778 BD1B 3237 Tara Clark Newberry District Court Judge		
10	Nevada Bar #001303		
11	BY /s/ John Niman JOHN NIMAN		
12	Deputy District Attorney Nevada Bar #014408		
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14	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING		
15	I hereby certify that service of the above and foregoing was made this 17 <sup>th</sup> day of		
16	September, 2021 by depositing a copy in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, addressed to:		
17 18	SAMMIE NUNN, BAC# 1226304 SOUTHERN DESERT CORRECTIONAL CENTER		
19	P. O. BOX 208 INDIAN SPRINGS, NV 89070		
20	BY /s/ E. Goddard		
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State of Nevada Respondent Dept No:XXI

Comes Now Appealant, Samme Lee Num III, humbly to this Honorable Court of the STATE of Novada, to Appeal Findings of facts, conclusions of Law and order hearing Dated September 7, 2021. Time of Hearing 1:30 pm in the Clark Courty District Court of Nevada. This Comes in response to a Appealant having ineffective assistance of Counsel and being from seattle Washington, ignorant to Nevada Law. Appealant was transferred to Nevada to work at the Tesla plant and while doing a job in las Vegas was aggressively harrassed and robbed at a store where he was forced to utilize self defense. Appealant is a member of the International Brothwhood of Electrical Workers Union Local S9s. Appealants Attorney towned down numerous leads and evidence and Witnesses who were willing to come forward This is a Violation of Appealants 5th, 6th and 11th Amendment

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and Rights to the Constitution. Appeallant is Located at Proche conservation Camp and is not Afforded the opportunity to utilize a Legal law library and would need the Assistance of Effective Counsel Competent enough to fite the proper paperwork at the proper time and conferwith Appealant timely opportunity to correctly Appeal this Case. There was also a money issue in the Case where Appeallant was accused of wanting 50 cents from victim even though there is bank records showing Appeallant had funds at the time of incident leaving no logical reason to long or ask for so cents. Appeallant and Counsels breakdown in there relationship has rendered a perfect example of A Mis Carriage of justice leaving his Conviction unreliable. This comes from all pleadings, motions and courtee Records available in the Case. Declarant subject to the penalty of perjury and all abiding laws in the State of Nevada.

Dated 9th month October year 2021

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

Case No: A-21-835110-W

Dept No: XXI

# CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

1. Appellant(s): Sammie Nunn

Plaintiff(s),

Defendant(s),

2. Judge: Tara Clark Newberry

3. Appellant(s): Sammie Nunn

Counsel:

SAMMIE NUNN, III,

vs.

STATE OF NEVADA,

Sammie Nunn #1226304 P.O. Box 509 Pioche, NV 89043

4. Respondent (s): State of Nevada

Counsel:

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

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2	5.	Appellant(s)'s Attorney Licensed in Nevada: N/A Permission Granted: N/A
3	]	Respondent(s)'s Attorney Licensed in Nevada: Yes
4		Permission Granted: N/A
5	6. 1	Has Appellant Ever Been Represented by Appointed Counsel In District Court: No
6	7.	Appellant Represented by Appointed Counsel On Appeal: N/A
7		Appellant Granted Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis**: N/A **Expires 1 year from date filed
8		Appellant Filed Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis: No
9		Date Application(s) filed: N/A
10		Date Commenced in District Court: May 24, 2021
11		Brief Description of the Nature of the Action: Civil Writ
12	,	Type of Judgment or Order Being Appealed: Civil Writ of Habeas Corpus
13	11. 1	Previous Appeal: No
14		Supreme Court Docket Number(s): N/A
15	12. (	Child Custody or Visitation; N/A
16	13. 1	Possibility of Settlement: Unknown
17 18		Dated This 15 day of October 2021.
19		Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court
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21		/s/ Heather Ungermann
22		Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk 200 Lewis Ave
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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Writ of Habeas Corpus COURT MINUTES September 07, 2021

A-21-835110-W Sammie Nunn, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
State of Nevada, Defendant(s)

September 07, 2021 1:30 PM Petition for Writ of Habeas

Corpus

HEARD BY: Clark Newberry, Tara COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16C

COURT CLERK: Carina Bracamontez-Munguia

**RECORDER:** Robin Page

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Goodman, Laura Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Court noted the Deft. was in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDC) and Advised the matter would be decided without oral argument. Court noted this was a Pro Per filing and Advised it procedurally concurred with the State's position that the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus was denied as it was procedurally barred. Therefore, COURT ORDERED petition DENIED. COURT FINDS pursuant to NRS 34.726-1 a petition that challenges the Judgment of Conviction or sentence must be filed within one year; COURT FINDS the operative Judgment of Conviction was filed on June 20, 2021, an Amended Judgment of Conviction was filed on November 18, 2021 and the Writ was filed on May 24, 2021, thus the writ is barred. Court DIRECTED the State to prepare the order. Court additionally noted for the record there was a procedural work around when leave was requested, however, in this case the Court did not grant leave nor was it requested prior to the Petitioner providing a supplement, therefore, COURT FURTHER ORDERED, the August 27, 2021 Amended Supplementary Motion to Amended Second Habeas Corpus Filed within One Year of JOC on January 24th, 2020 hereby STRICKEN from the record.

**NDC** 

CLERK'S NOTE: Subsequent to hearing, COURT ORDERED, the State's Motion to Strike Amended

PRINT DATE: 11/15/2021 Page 1 of 2 Minutes Date: September 07, 2021

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Supplementary Motion to Amended Second Habeas Corpus filed within One Year of Judgment of Conviction on January 24, 2020 GRANTED; thus the September 28, 2021 hearing VACATED. // cbm 09-15-2021

CLERK S NOTE: A copy of this minute order has been mailed to: Sammie Nunn, #1226304, Pioche Conservation Camp, 1 Hardtimes Road, P.O. Box 509, Pioche, Nevada 89043. // cbm 09-15-2021

PRINT DATE: 11/15/2021 Page 2 of 2 Minutes Date: September 07, 2021

# **Certification of Copy and Transmittal of Record**

State of Nevada County of Clark SS

Pursuant to the Supreme Court order dated November 3, 2021, I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the complete trial court record for the case referenced below. The record comprises two volumes with pages numbered 1 through 255.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 15 day of November 2021.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk