

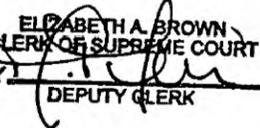
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

KIM DENNIS BLANDINO,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 84433

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ORDER DENYING MOTION

This is a direct appeal from a judgment of conviction. Appellant has filed yet another pro se motion to discharge his appointed counsel and for leave to proceed pro se or for the appointment of alternative appellate counsel.

As this court has repeatedly informed appellant, an appellant on direct appeal is not entitled to reject court-appointed counsel and insist on appointment of alternate counsel absent a showing of good cause. *See Thomas v. State*, 115 Nev. 148, 979 P.2d 222 (1999). Appellant has failed to demonstrate any cause for the discharge of his appointed counsel. *See Thomas v. Wainwright*, 767 F.2d 738, 742 (11th Cir. 1985) (appellant's general loss of confidence or trust in counsel is not adequate cause for appointment of new counsel). Finally, appellant has no right to proceed without counsel on direct appeal from a judgment of conviction. NRAP 46A(b)(1); *Blandino v. State*, 112 Nev. 352, 914 P.2d 624 (1996); *see also*

Martinez v. Court of Appeal of Cal., 538 U.S. 152 (2000). The motion is denied.

It is so ORDERED.¹

Stigler, C.J.

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¹Appellant's motion does not constitute an emergency under this court's rules. NRAP 27(e). Labeling a motion an "emergency" causes this court to reallocate its scarce resources from normal case processing, and appellant is cautioned to use the emergency motion provisions only when circumstances fit the definition set forth in NRAP 27(e).