

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

RYAN WILLIAMS,
Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 83418

**DOCKETING STATEMENT
CRIMINAL APPEALS**

(Including appeals from pretrial and post-conviction
rulings and other requests for post-conviction relief)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions.

1. Judicial District Second County Washoe

Judge Hon. Kathleen Drakulich District Ct. Case No. CR20-0630B

2. If the defendant was given a sentence,

(a) what is the sentence?

See attached.

(b) has the sentence been stayed pending appeal?

No.

(c) was defendant admitted to bail pending appeal?

No.

3. Was counsel in the district court appointed ☒ or retained ☐ ?

4. Attorney filling this docketing statement:

Attorney John Reese Petty Telephone (775) 337-4827

Firm Washoe County Public Defender's Office

Address: 350 South Center Street, 5th Floor, Reno, Nevada 89501

Client(s) Ryan Williams

5. Is appellate counsel appointed ☒ or retained ☐ ?

If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add the names and addresses of other counsel on an additional sheet accompanied by a certification that they concur in the filing of this statement.

6. Attorney(s) representing respondent(s):

Attorney Jennifer P. Noble Telephone (775) 337-5757

Firm Washoe County District Attorney's Office

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Client(s) The State of Nevada

Attorney _____ Telephone _____

Firm _____

Address: _____

Client(s) _____

(List additional counsel on separate sheet if necessary)

7. Nature of disposition below:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment after bench trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of pretrial habeas |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judgment after jury verdict | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of motion to suppress evidence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment upon guilty plea | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-conviction habeas (NRS ch. 34) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of pretrial motion to dismiss | <input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parole/probation revocation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other disposition (specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motion for new trial | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motion to withdraw guilty plea | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grant <input type="checkbox"/> denial | |

8. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> death sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> juvenile offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> life sentence | <input type="checkbox"/> pretrial proceedings |

9. Expedited appeals: The court may decide to expedite the appellate process in this matter. Are you in favor of proceeding in such manner?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. Pending and prior proceedings in this court. List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal (e.g., separate appeals by co-defendants, appeal after post-conviction proceedings):

None.

11. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts that are related to this appeal (e.g., habeas corpus proceedings in state or federal court, bifurcated proceedings against co-defendants):

None.

12. Nature of action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

Mr. Williams was convicted of several felonies--robbery with the use of a deadly weapon, burglary with the possession of a firearm or deadly weapon, causing the death of another by driving a vehicle while under the influence of methamphetamine, eluding or flight from police resulting in death, and reckless driving--all category B felonies. He was acquitted of one count of attempted burglary. The jury could not decide a murder allegation and hung on that charge.

13. Issues on appeal. State specifically all issues in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):

Did the district court err in not striking for cause two jurors who stated they could not be fair?

Did many of the district court's evidentiary rulings--for example limiting cross-examination of certain law enforcement witnesses, allowing admission of prior bad act evidence, precluding reference to co-defendant's knowledge of victim's violent history, etc--render Mr. William's trial unfair?

Did the district court commit error by mis-instructing the jury?

14. Constitutional issues: If the State is not a party and if this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute or municipal ordinance, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

☒ N/A

☐ Yes

☐ No

If not, explain:

15. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance:

Because Mr. Williams was convicted by a jury of multiple category B felonies this appeal is not presumptively assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17(b)(1). At present, counsel believes that the Supreme Court should retain and decide this appeal although it does not fall under any of the subject matter categories of NRAP 17(a).

16. Issues of first impression or of public interest. Does this appeal present a substantial legal issue of first impression in this jurisdiction or one affecting an important public interest?

First impression: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Public interest: ☐ Yes ☒ No

17. Length of trial. If this action proceeded to trial or evidentiary hearing in the district court, how many days did the trial or evidentiary hearing last?

14 days

18. Oral argument. Would you object to submission of this appeal for disposition without oral argument?

☐ Yes ☐ No

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

19. Date district court announced decision, sentence or order appealed from Jul 20, 2021

20. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from Jul 26, 2021

(a) If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

21. If this appeal is from an order granting or denying a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, indicate the date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served by the district court

(a) Was service by delivery ☐ or by mail ☐

22. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post judgment motion,

(a) Specify the type of motion, and the date of filing of the motion:

Arrest judgment _____ Date filed _____

New trial (newly
discovered evidence) _____ Date filed _____

New trial (other grounds) _____ Date filed _____

(b) Date of entry of written order resolving motion _____

23. Date notice of appeal filed Aug 23, 2021

24. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(b), NRS 34.560, NRS 34.575, NRS 177.015(2), or other

NRAP 4(b)

SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

25. Specify statute, rule or other authority that grants this court jurisdiction to review from:

NRS 177.015(1)(b) _____	NRS 34.560 _____
NRS 177.015(1)(c) _____	NRS 34.575(1) _____
NRS 177.015(2) _____	NRS 34.560(2) _____
NRS 177.015(3) XXX _____	Other (specify) _____
NRS 177.055 _____	

VERIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Ryan Williams

Name of appellant

Sep 13, 2021

Date

John Reese Petty

Name of counsel of record



Signature of counsel of record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

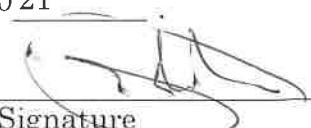
I certify that on the 13th ^{September} day of 20 21, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all counsel of record:

☒ By personally serving it upon him/her;* or

☐ By mailing it by first class mail with sufficient postage prepaid to the following address(es):

*Utilizing this Court's electronic filing system's Master Service List.

Dated this 13th day of September, 20 21



Signature

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Sentences:

Count I—Robbery with the use of a deadly weapon: 60 to 180 months in the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) with credit for 514 days in predisposition custody.

Count III—Burglary with possession of a firearm or deadly weapon: 60 to 180 months NDOC *concurrent* with Count I.

Count V—Causing the death of another while under the influence of methamphetamine: 48 to 180 months NDOC *consecutive* to Count III, and a fine of \$2,000.00.

Count VI—Eluding or flight from police officer resulting in death: 96 to 240 months NDOC *consecutive* to Count V.

Count VII—Reckless driving: The district court did not impose a sentence (but noted the conviction) and instead found that Count VII was a lesser included offense of Count VI—Eluding or flight from police officer resulting in death.

[The jury acquitted Mr. Williams on Count II (attempted robbery with the use of a deadly weapon) and could not reach a verdict on Count IV (murder with the use of a deadly weapon).]

The resulting aggregate sentence is 204 to 600 months NDOC. (The judgment of conviction misstates the aggregate sentence as “17 to 50 months.”)