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IN THE AMPL JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Novala

Petitioner.

Respondent.

VS.

Case No. 2021-CR-00114

Dept. No.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (POST-CONVICTION)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) This petition must be legibly handwritten or typewritten, signed by the petitioner and verified.
- (2) Additional pages are not permitted except where noted or with respect to the facts which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. No citation of authorities need be furnished. If briefs or arguments are submitted, they should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum.
- (3) If you want an attorney appointed, you must complete the Affidavit in Support of Request to Proceed in Forma Pauperis. You must have an authorized officer at the prison complete the certificate as to the amount of money and securities on deposit to your credit in any account in the institution.
- (4) You must name as respondent the person by whom you are confined or restrained. If you are in a specific institution of the department of prisons, name the warden or head of the institution. If you are not in a specific institution of the department but within its custody, name the director of the department of prisons.
- (5) You must include all grounds or claims for relief which you may have regarding your conviction or sentence.

Failure to raise all grounds in this petition may preclude you from filing future petitions challenging your conviction and sentence.

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| 1 2 3 | (6) You must allege specific facts supporting the claims in the petition you file seeking relief from any conviction or sentence. Failure to allege specific facts rather than just conclusions may cause your petition to be dismissed. If your petition contains a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel, that claim will operate to waive the attorney-client privilege for the proceeding in which you claim your counsel was ineffective. |
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| 4 | (7) When the petition is fully completed, the <u>original and one copy must be filed with the</u> clerk of the state district court for the county in which you were convicted. One copy must be |
| 5 | mailed to the respondent, one copy to the attorney general's office, and one copy to the district attorney of the county in which you were convicted or to the original prosecutor if you are |
| 6 7 | challenging your original conviction or sentence. Copies must conform in all particulars to the original submitted for filing. |
| 8 | <u>PETITION</u> |
| 9 | 1. Name of institution and county in which you are presently imprisoned or where and |
| | how you are presently restrained of your liberty: |
| 10 11 | SCC - Jean Conservation Camp; Clark County; evstody WAR Den: Lt. OWENS |
| 12 | 2. Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction under attack: |
| | 9th Judicial District Court, 1038 Buckeye Rd., Minden, NV. 89423 |
| 13 14 | 3. Date of judgment of conviction: $1/29/21$ |
| 15 | 4. Case number: 2021-CR-00114 |
|]] | 5. (a) Length of sentence: Life with Passibility of Parole |
| 16 17 | (b) If sentence is death, state any date upon which execution is scheduled: |
| 18 | 6. Are you presently serving a sentence for a conviction other than the conviction under |
| 19 | attack in this motion?: Yes No |
| 20 | If "yes," list crime, case number and sentence being served at this time: |
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| - 11 | 7. Nature of offense involved in conviction being challenged: |
| 25 | NEHTCULAR HOMOCIDE |
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| 1 | 8. What was your plea? (check one) |
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| 2 | (a) Not guilty |
| 3 | (b) Guilty |
| 4 | (c) Guilty but mentally ill |
| 5 | (c) Nolo contendere |
| 6 | 9. If you entered a plea of guilty ro guilty but mentally ill to one count of an indictment or |
| 7 | information, and a plea of not guilty to another count of an indictment or information, or if a plea |
| 8 | of guilty was negotiated, give details: |
| 9 | I plead guilty on the agreement by both sides that I would serve a sentence of 10-25 years. This |
| 10 | I would serve a sentence of 10-25 years. This |
| 11 | was agreed to by all parties. |
| 12 | 10. If you were found guilty after a plea of not guilty, was the finding made by: |
| 13 | (check one) |
| 14 | (a) Jury |
| 15 | (b) Judge without a jury: |
| 16 | 11. Did you testify at the trial? Yes No |
| 17 | ? 12. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction: Yes No |
| 18 | 13. If you did appeal, answer the following: |
| 19 | (a) Name of court: Supreme Court, State of Nevada |
| 20 | (b) Case number or citation: 2021 - CR - 00114 |
| 21 | (c) Result: Dery ed |
| 22 | (d) Date of result: 9 9 2 2 |
| 23 | (Attach copy of order or decision, if available). attached |
| 24 | 14. If you did not appeal, explain briefly why you did not: |
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| 1 | 15. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you |
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| 2 | previously filed any petitions, applications or motions with respect to this judgment in any court, |
| 3 | state or federal: Yes No |
| 4 | 16. If you answer to No. 15 was "yes," give the following information: |
| 5 | (a) (1) Name of Court: |
| 6 | (2) Nature of proceeding: |
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| 9 | (3) Grounds raised: |
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| 12 | (4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion |
| 13 | Yes No |
| 14 | (5) Result: |
| 15 | (6) Date of result: |
| 16 | (7) If known, citations of any written opinion or date of orders entered pursuant to |
| 17 | such result: |
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| 19 | (b) As to any second petition, application or motion, give the same information: |
| 20 | (1) Name of Court: |
| 21 | (2) Nature of proceeding: |
| 22 | (3) Grounds raised: |
| 23 | (4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion? |
| 24 | Yes No |
| 25 | (5) Result: |
| 26 | (6) Date of result: |
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| 1 | (7) If known, citations of any written opinion or date of orders entered pursuant to |
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| 2 | such result: |
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| 4 | (c) As to any third or subsequent additional applications or motions, give the same |
| 5 | information as above, list them on a separate sheet and attach. |
| 6 | (d) Did you appeal to the highest state or federal court having jurisdiction, the result |
| 7 | or action taken on any petition, application or motion? |
| 8 | (1) First petition, application or motion? Yes No |
| 9 | Citation or date of decision: |
| 10 | (2) Second petition, application or motion? Yes No |
| 11 | Citation or date of decision: |
| 12 | (3) Third or subsequent petitions, applications or motions? |
| 13 | Yes No |
| 14 | Citation or date of decision: |
| 15 | (e) If you did not appeal from the adverse action on any petition, application or |
| 16 | motion, explain briefly why you did not. (You must relate specific facts in response to this |
| 17 | question. Your response may be included on paper which is 8 ½ by 11 inches attached to the |
| 18 | petition. Your response may not exceed five handwritten or typewritten pages in length). |
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| 21 | 17. Has any ground being raised in this petition been previously presented to this or any |
| 22 | other court by way of petition for habeas corpus, motion, application or any other postconviction |
| 23 | proceeding? If so, identify: |
| 24 | a. Which of the grounds is the same: |
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| | b. The proceedings in which these grounds were raised: |
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| 3 | c. Briefly explain why you are again raising these grounds. (You must relate specific |
| 4 | facts in response to this question. Your response may be included on paper which is 8 ½ by 11 |
| 5 | inches attached to the petition. Your response may not exceed five handwritten or typewritten |
| 6 | pages in length). |
| 7 | |
| 8 | 18. If any of the grounds listed in Nos. 23(a), (b), (c) and (d), or listed on any additional |
| 9 | pages you have attached, were not previously presented in any other court, state or federal, list |
| 10 | briefly what grounds were not so presented, and give your reasons for not presenting them. (You |
| 11 | must relate specific facts in response to this question. Your response may be included on paper |
| 12 | which is 8 ½ by 11 inches attached to the petition. Your response may not exceed five |
| 13 | handwritten or typewritten pages in length). |
| 14 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 15 | 19. Are you filing this petition more than 1 year following the filing of the judgment of |
| 16 | conviction or the filing of a decision on direct appeal? If so, state briefly the reasons for the delay. |
| 17 | (You must relate specific facts in response to this question. Your response may be included on |
| 18 | paper which is 8 ½ by 11 inches attached to the petition. Your response may not exceed five |
| 19 | handwritten or typewritten pages in length). |
| 20 | |
| 21 | 20. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in any court, either state or federal, |
| 22 | as to the judgment under attack? Yes No |
| 23 | If yes, state what court and the case number: |
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| | 1 | 21. Give the name of each attorney who represented you in the proceeding resulting in |
| | 2 | your conviction and on direct appeal: Brian Filter / Sally Desoto |
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| | 4 | 22. Do you have any future sentences to serve after you complete the sentence imposed |
| | 5 | by the judgment under attack? Yes No × |
| | 6 | If yes, specify where and when it is to be served, if you know: |
| | 7 | |
| | 8 | 23. State concisely every ground on which you claim that you are being held unlawfully |
| | 9 | Summarize briefly the facts supporting each ground. If necessary you may attach pages stating |
| ľ | 10 | additional grounds and facts supporting same. |
| | 11 | (a) Ground one: also/vte ineffective Counsel - |
| | 12 | Raised Continually by D.C.DA. in his answering brief. |
| | 13 | Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law): My P D Brian |
| | 14 | Filter, never offered me options, nor did he fight for |
| | 15 | my agreed-upon 10- yr. sentence. |
| _ | 16 | (b) Ground two: Prosecutor Lied - said my crime was |
| | 17 | intended of course it was not my Remorse is huge. |
| | 18 | Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law): my P. D. ded |
| | 19 | not argue for me on this matter or any matter for me. Prefudice and miscarriage of fustice. |
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| | 21 | (c) Ground three: |
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| | 23 | Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law): |
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| | 1 (d) Ground four: |
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| | Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law): |
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| | WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the court grant petitioner relief to which he may be |
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| 9 | EXECUTED at <u>JCC</u> on the <u>22</u> day of the month of <u>novemb</u> |
| 10 | 1) |
| 11 | Joan Kathryn Wenger Signature of Petitioner Jean Conservation Camp Address 3 Prison Rd. Jean nv 89019 |
| 12 | Joan Conservation Camp |
| 13 | Address |
| 14 | 3 Prison Rd./ Jean, nr 89019 |
| 15 | |
| 16 | Signature of Attorney (if any) |
| 17 | Attorney for Petitioner |
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| 19 | Address <u>VERIFICATION</u> |
| 20 21 | Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned declares that he is the petitioner named in the |
| 22 | foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the pleading is true of his own knowledge, |
| 23 | except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to such matters he believes |
| 24 | them to be true. |
| 25 | Signature of Petitioner |
| 26 | of Signature of 1 entioner |
| 27 | Attorney for Petitioner |
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

| | I, Joan Kathryn Wengen, hereby certify pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), that or | n |
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| , | this 22 day of the month of November of the year 2022, I mailed a true and | |
| 4 | correct copy of the foregoing PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS addressed to: | |
| : | | |
| 6 | Douglas County District Court Respondent prison or jail official | |
| 8 | 1038 Buckeye Rd. Address | |
| 9 | Minden, NV 89423 | |
| 10 | Attorney General | |
| 11 | Heroes' Memorial Building Capitol Complex | |
| 12 | Carson City, Nevada 89710 | |
| 13 | Douglan County District AHnx. District Attorney of Country of Conviction | |
| 14 | · | |
| 15 | Address | |
| 16 | Minden, nr 89423 | |
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| 18 | Signature of Petitioner | |
| 19 | Signature of Petitioner | |
| 20 | (Rev. 5/03) | |
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| (| IN THE Ninth JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA | |
| • | 7 IN AND FOR the County of Douglas | |
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| 9 | State of Nevada, | |
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| 11 | PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS | |
| 12 | Joan Kathryn Wenger | |
| 13 | Respondent. | |
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| 15 | COMES NOW the Petitioner, in propria persona, pursuant to | |
| | NRS 12.015, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order granting | |
| 16 | 1) | |
| 16 17 | Petitioner leave to proceed in the above-entitled action in forma pauperis, without | |
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| 17 18 | Petitioner leave to proceed in the above-entitled action in forma pauperis, without requiring Petitioner to pay or provide security for the payment of costs of prosecution | |
| 17 18 19 | Petitioner leave to proceed in the above-entitled action in forma pauperis, without requiring Petitioner to pay or provide security for the payment of costs of prosecution this action. | |
| 17 18 19 20 | Petitioner leave to proceed in the above-entitled action in forma pauperis, without requiring Petitioner to pay or provide security for the payment of costs of prosecution this action. This motion is made and based upon the attached affidavit and | |
| 17 18 19 20 21 | Petitioner leave to proceed in the above-entitled action in forma pauperis, without requiring Petitioner to pay or provide security for the payment of costs of prosecution this action. This motion is made and based upon the attached affidavit and certificate. | |
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| 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 | Petitioner leave to proceed in the above-entitled action in forma pauperis, without requiring Petitioner to pay or provide security for the payment of costs of prosecution this action. This motion is made and based upon the attached affidavit and certificate. DATED this | |
| 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | Petitioner leave to proceed in the above-entitled action in forma pauperis, without requiring Petitioner to pay or provide security for the payment of costs of prosecution this action. This motion is made and based upon the attached affidavit and certificate. DATED this | |

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| | 7 IN AND FOR the County of Douglas | | |
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| 9 | State of Nevada, | | |
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| 12 | IN FORMA PAUPERIS | | |
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| 14 | Respondent/ | | |
| 15 | I, <u>fran lathryn Wenge</u> , first being duly sworn, depose and say | | |
| 16 | that I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled case; that in support of my Motion to | | |
| . 17 | proceed without being required to prepay fees, costs or give security therefor; I state | | |
| 18 | that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of said proceeding or to | | |
| 19 | give security therefor; that I am entitled to relief. | | |
| 20 | I do <u>└</u> do not request an attorney to be appointed for me. | | |
| 21 | I further swear that the responses which I have made to questions and | | |
| 22 | instructions below are true. | | |
| 23 | 1. Are you presently employed? YesNo | | |
| 24 | a. If the answer is yes, state the amount of your salary of wages | | |
| 25 | per month, and give the name and address of your employer: | | |
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| | b. If the answer is no, state the date of last employment and the | | |
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| | amount of salary and wages per month which you received: | | |
| | 3 3/13/20; \$12.50/h | | |
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| | 2. Have you received within the past twelve months any money from | | |
| | any of the following sources? | | |
| | a. Business, professional or form of self-employment: | | |
| | 8 Yes No <u>×</u> | | |
| | b. Rent payments, interest of dividends: | | |
| 1 | 0 Yes No <u></u> | | |
| 1 | c. Pensions, annuities or life insurance payments: | | |
| 1: | Yes NoX | | |
| 13 | d. Gifts or inheritances: | | |
| 14 | Yes No <u></u> | | |
| 15 | e. Any other sources: | | |
| 16 | Yes No <u> </u> | | |
| 17 | If the answer to any of the above is "Yes", describe each source of | | |
| 18 | money and state the amount received from each during the past twelve months: | | |
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| 20 | | | |
| 21 | 3. Do own cash or equivalent prison currency, or do you have money | | |
| 22 | in a checking or savings account? | | |
| 23 | Yes No <u> </u> | | |
| 24 | If the answer is "Yes", state the total value of the items owned: | | |
| 25 | | | |
| 26 | 4. Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, or | | |
| 27 | other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)? | | |
| 28 | Yes No | | |
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| 1 | If your answer is "Yes", describe the property and state its approximate |
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| 4 | 5. List the persons who are dependent upon you for support, state |
| 5 | your relationship to those persons, and indicate how much you contribute toward |
| 6 | their support: |
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| 9 | UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY, pursuant to NRS 208.165, the |
| 10 | above affidavit is true and correct to the best of affiant's personal knowledge. |
| 11 | DATED this 22 day of <u>hovember</u> , 2022 |
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Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 10:05 AM

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After thinking things over, I am willing to mutually recommend 10-25 instead of 10 to life.

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JOAN KATHRYN WENGER, Appellant, THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent.

No. 84003-COA

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

Joan Kathryn Wenger appeals from a judgment of conviction, entered pursuant to a guilty plea, of vehicular homicide. Ninth Judicial District Court, Douglas County; Thomas W. Gregory, Judge.

Wenger argues the State breached the guilty plea agreement by implicitly arguing for a higher sentence than the sentence it had agreed to recommend. Wenger did not object to the State's comments at the sentencing hearing below; therefore, we review for plain error. Jeremias v. State, 134 Nev. 46, 50, 412 P.3d 43, 48 (2018). To demonstrate plain error, an appellant must show there was an error, the error was plain, meaning that it is clear under current law from a casual inspection of the record, and the error affected appellant's substantial rights. *Id.* "[A] plain error affects a defendant's substantial rights when it causes actual prejudice or a miscarriage of justice (defined as a 'grossly unfair' outcome)." Id. at 51, 412 P.3d at 49.

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the authority of the court to consider any reliable and relevant evidence at the time of sentencing."), or that any alleged errors affected her substantial rights. Therefore, we conclude Wenger is not entitled to relief, and we ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.

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cc: Hon. Thomas W. Gregory, District Judge State Public Defender/Carson City Attorney General/Carson City Douglas County District Attorney/Minden Douglas County Clerk

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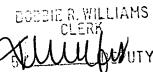
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Defendant already raised this issue in her direct appeal wherein she contended that the State breached the plea agreement. The issue was considered and denied by the Court of Appeals. the extent Defendant might be trying to raise a new issue regarding comments made by the State at sentencing, any such issue could have been and should have been raised during Defendant's direct appeal. In any event, the prosecutor's opinions regarding Defendant's mens rea are the prosecutor's opinions and nothing in the GPA prohibited the prosecutor from making the opinions known to the Court at the time of sentencing. Some of the comments were in response to things brought up by Defendant. To the extent the prosecutor's opinion was based on factual representations, the factual representations conform to the offense synopsis contained in the Pre-Sentence Investigation Report. Defendant reviewed the PSI prior to sentencing with counsel and did not dispute any factual corrections upon which the prosecutor relied. Defendant does not now claim or cite to any specific misstatement of fact argued by counsel and/or relied upon by the Court. Defendant was extended a full opportunity to address her mens rea and offer any Defendant took advantage of the opportunity through remorse.

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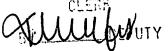
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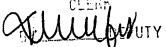
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THIS MATTER comes before the Court on a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) and Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, filed December 5, 2022. The Court has considered the Petition, Motion, and the entirety of the record in case number 2021-CR-00114, entitled The State of Nevada v. Joan Kathryn Wenger ("Defendant"), incorporated by reference herein. Good cause appearing, the Court finds and orders as follows:

I. Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis

Defendant claims indigence and requests an attorney to assist with pursuit of her post-conviction writ.

"If the court is satisfied that the allegation of indigency is true and the petition is not dismissed summarily, the court may appoint counsel to represent the petitioner." NRS 34.750(1). The statute goes on to provide some other considerations. Id.

The Court is satisfied that Defendant is indigent. However as seen below, the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) is being summarily dismissed. Additionally, the issues presented are not difficult, Defendant is able to comprehend the proceedings and there is no need for discovery.

NRS 34.750(1).

Defendant's Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis

Defendant's Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis is DENIED.

II. Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) Procedural and Factual Background

NRS 484C.440(3).

On July 29, 2021, Defendant was charged with Vehicular Homicide with three prior DUI convictions, a violation of NRS 484C.130(1) and NRS 484C.440(1), a category A felony.

Information. The sentencing range for this offense is life with parole eligibility beginning in 10 years or a definite term of 25 years with parole eligibility beginning in 10 years. NRS 484C.440(1). The sentence may not be suspended or probation

On August 23, 2021, Defendant appeared with counsel and entered a plea of guilty to the charged offense pursuant to negotiations memorialized in a written Guilty Plea Agreement ("GPA") executed by the State, Defendant and Defendant's counsel. The GPA stated, in relevant part, "The parties have agreed to mutually recommend that I be sentenced to serve a definite term of

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25 years in prison, with eligibility for parole beginning when a minimum of 10 years has been served." GPA, p. 1, lines 22-24. 2 3 Further: 4 I understand that, at the time of sentencing, the State may present arguments, facts, and/or witnesses in 5 I understand the State support of the plea agreement. also reserves the right at sentencing to provide the 6 court with relevant information that may not be in the court's possession; to call victims to make a victim 7 impact statement; to comment on the circumstances of the crime and my criminal history; and to correct 8 factual misstatements made by me or my character 9 witnesses. 10 11 I have not been promised or guaranteed any particular sentence by anyone. I know that my sentence is to be 12 determined by the court within the limits prescribed by I understand that if my attorney, the State 13 of Nevada, or both recommend any specific punishment to the court, the court is not obligated to accept the 14 recommendation. .15 GPA at p. 1-2 and p. 4, lines 1-4. 16 Defendant was canvassed by the Court after being sworn. 17 canvass was thorough, as represented by the 25-page Transcript of 18 Arraignment ("TOA"). The TOA includes the following exchange: 19 What is your understanding of the maximum penalty 20 COURT: for this offense? 21 **DEFENDANT:** Life. 22 The maximum prison That is correct. All right. COURT: 23 sentence is life with parole eligibility when ten years have been served. Do you understand that? 24 25 DEFENDANT: Yes. Do you understand the only other alternative to 26 COURT: that that the Court could impose would be a definite term of 25 years in prison with a minimum 27 parole eligibility beginning when ten years have 28

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been served?

| 1 | DEFENDANT: | Yes. |
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| 2 | COURT: | Has anybody made any promises to you regarding what your sentence will be in this case? |
| 4 | DEFENDANT: | No. |
| 5 | COURT: | Do you understand that what sentence you'll receive |
| 6 | | is entirely up to the Court? |
| 7 | DEFENDANT: | Yes. |
| 8 | COURT: | Do you understand that you are not eligible for probation for this offense? |
| 9 | DEFENDANT: | Yes. |
| 10 | COURT: | So at the time of sentencing the Court could if the |
| 11 | | Court deemed it appropriate sentence you to serve a period of life imprisonment with minimum parole |
| 12 | | eligibility beginning when ten years have been served or the Court could impose a definite term of |
| 13 | | 25 years in prison with minimum parole eligibility beginning when ten years have been served. Do you understand that? |
| 15 | | Yes. |
| 16 | DEFENDANT: | |
| 17 | COURT: | So in other words at the time of sentencing those are the two options that are available to the Court. Do you understand? |
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| 19 | DEFENDANT: | Yes. |
| 20 | COURT: | And while the Court will listen to any recommendations made, the Court could go the |
| 21 | | direction of life with the possibility of parole in ten years. Do you understand that? |
| 22 | DEFENDANT: | Yes. |
| 23 | | Knowing that do still desire to plead guilty? |
| 24 | COURT: DEFENDANT: | Yes. |
| 25 | | Defendant stated that she was satisfied with her |
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| 28 | Defendant | appeared with counsel for sentencing on October 18 |

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and November 29, 2021. Defendant received and reviewed the Pre-Sentence Investigation Report ("PSI") and was provided with a full opportunity to suggest factual corrections. Transcript of Sentencing, October 18, 2021 ("TS1"), p. 5-8, Transcript of Sentencing, November 29, 2021 ("TS2"), p. 2-5. Defendant's counsel made a recommendation consistent with the plea agreement and made arguments in support thereof. TS2, p. 5-8. The State made a recommendation made a statement. TS2, p. 9-14. consistent with the plea agreement and made arguments in support TS2, p. 13-20. Victim impact statements were received. The Court imposed a sentence of life with parole eligibility beginning when a minimum of ten years have been served. Judgment of Conviction.

Defendant filed a direct appeal arguing that the State breached the plea agreement by implicitly arguing for a higher sentence than agreed. An Order of Affirmance was entered on September 9, 2022, Court of Appeals Case No. 84003-COA. Remittitur issued on October 4, 2022.

On December 5, 2022, Defendant filed the pending Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) and Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis.

Discussion

Defendant does not claim that her quilty plea was involuntary or otherwise seek to withdraw her plea. Rather, Defendant is not satisfied with her sentence of 10 to life given that she bargained for a joint recommendation of 10 to 25 years.

Defendant's dissatisfaction with her sentence is not, in and of itself, a legal basis for relief. A petitioner must make more

than conclusory claims for relief and must support claims with specific factual allegations that, if true, would entitle him/her to relief. Pangallo v. State, 112, Nev. 1533 (1996). A petitioner is not entitled to an evidentiary hearing on factual allegations belied or repelled by the record. Hargrove v. State, 100 Nev. 498 (1984). If a court determines that a petitioner is not entitled to relief and an evidentiary hearing is not required, the court "shall" dismiss the petition without a hearing. NRS 34.770.

Ground One

Defendant alleges "absolute ineffective assistance of counsel." Petition, p. 7. As supporting facts, Defendant states, "My PD, Brian Filter, never offered me options, nor did he argue for/fight for my agreed-upon 10-25 yr. sentence." Id. Also, "My P.D. did not argue for me on this matter or any matter for me. Prejudice and miscarriage of justice." Id.

Defendant's contention that counsel did not argue or fight for the bargained for 10-25 year recommendation is belied by the record. TS2, p. 5-8. Defendant does not reveal any facts or arguments that counsel failed to assert that would have changed the outcome and/or suggest that counsel's performance was deficient. Defendant's contention that counsel failed to offer her "options" is conclusory and Defendant does not say what options counsel failed to reveal that would have changed the outcome. The two sentencing options available to the Court were fully addressed during the arraignment and in the GPA. At sentencing, Defendant's counsel recommended the bargained for option and made appropriate arguments in support. Defendant well

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understood that the Court was not bound by the recommendations.

Defendant's sentence was within the range set by statute.

Defendant is not entitled to an evidentiary hearing or relief on Ground One.

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Douglas County Clark
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Petitioner,

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VS.

NOTICE of APPEAL

STATE of NEVADA, Respondent.

Comes now, appellant | Petitioner Joan Kathryn Wenger, on this 10th Day of January, 2023, my appeal to the Appellate Court of Competent Jurisdiction, Pursuant to the rules fixed by the Supreme Court from the decision or order of the above-named court.

I. Petition For Review and Examination of the complete Process of case no. 2021-CR-00114 from Arraignment through sentencing phases; and remand for a competency hearing of defendant's counsel con the following grounds;

Ground One
Brian Filter (herewithin named "counsel") was appointed to represent ms. wenger (herewithin named "Defendant") for this case. Mr. Filter | counsel provided incompetent eounsel and representation from the beginning. He failed to inform Defendant of her plea options or counters with regard to the charge of Vehicular Homicide, such as D. U. E

with death, rehicizer manslaughter, eta. Counsel only Advised defendant to accept the charges, plead guilty, and accept the offer to have the D.U. I. Hhrown out. Counsel was beyond negligent to the defendant,

Ground two

Both the Prosecutor and counsel agreed to, in writing, a sentence of 10-25 yrs. for the defendant, when the court and the prosecutor decided, together, on the higher sentence of Life with the Possibility of parole after 10 years, Counsel failed to stand up, object or argue, or even attempt to defend the original agreed-to sentence on behalf of the defendant. again, counsel was negligent in Providing any defense, support, or argument for Defendant.

Ground three

the Prosecutor falsely stated that the defendan Actually performed the act of nitting the Victim's vehicle as A "reckless and intentional" act. again, counsel for the defendent simply sat at the table and refused to react in any defense for the defendant whatsoever, thereby allowing the prosecutor to set the stage to present the higher sentence.

Conclusion

It is clear beyond any doubt that the counsel for the defendant never once identified any of the defendant's rights that were very obviously violated by the prosecutor's intentional errors, or how she was predudiced. The defendant absolutely Lost any potential apportunity to receive the

agreed-upon (-25 ys. sentence due to the complete Lack of competent counsel throughout her entire court process.

Based on the foregoing argument, this appellant respectfully requests the court find the defendants' counsel incompetent and completely negligent in his defense of the defendant, and therefore remand for a new hearing.

Respectfully Submitted on this 10th day of January, 2023

Joan Kathryn Wenger Appellate / Petitioner CG+1+ 3955 W. Russell Rd. Las Vegas, nv 89118

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| to the Court for decision. The undersigned certifies that a copy of this requestion. This document does not include the personal information. | uest has been mailed to all counsel of record. |
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DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, understand that a false statement or answer to any question in this declaration will subject me to penalties of perjury.

I declare, under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the above and/or foregoing information is accurate, correct and true to the best of my knowledge, executed within the terms of ¹NRS 171.102 and ²NRS 208.165. See ³28 U.S.C. 1746 and 18 U.S.C. 1621.

This document does not include the personal information of any person as defined by NRS 603A.40.

Dated this 10 day of January

Loan Kathyr Wenger

¹ NRS 171.102

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Joan Wenger

Hames, A.J. <ahames@douglas.nv.gov>
To: Brian Filter <Bfilter@filterlaw.net>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 10:05 AM

Brian,

After thinking things over, I am willing to mutually recommend 10-25 instead of 10 to life.

A.J. Hames

Deputy District Attorney

Douglas County District Attorney's Office

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Minden, Nevada 89423

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JOAN KATHRYN WENGER,

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Appellant,

JAN 26 2023

VS.

Douglas County District Court Clerk

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

- 1. Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement: Joan Kathryn Wenger
- 2. Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from: Honorable Thomas W. Gregory.
- 3. Identify each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each appellant:
 Joan Kathryn Wenger #1250827 CGTH 3955 W. Russell Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89118

 In Proper Person
- 4. Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel, if known, for each respondent (if the name of a respondent=s appellate counsel is unknown, indicate as much and provide the name and address of that respondent=s trial counsel):

 The State of Nevada, represented by the Douglas County Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 218, Minden, NV 89423
- 5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court order granting such permission):

 N/A.
- 6. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the district court: Appellant was represented by Brian Filter, Esq.
- 7. Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal: Unrepresented.
- 8. Indicate 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
- 9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date complaint, indictment, information, or petition was filed):
 The Information was filed July 29, 2021.
- 10. Provide 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 Court: This is a criminal matter in which the Judgment of Conviction was filed on November 29, 2021, order filed December 9, 2022.

- 11. Indicate 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: Supreme Court Docket Number 84003
- 12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation: No.

13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement: N/A.

Dated this 26th day of January 2023

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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vs.

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Respondent.

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TO:

Bobbie W. Williams, Douglas County Clerk

Joan Kathryn Wenger

Douglas County District Attorney/Minden \ Mark B. Jackson, District Attorney

You are hereby notified that the Clerk of the Supreme Court has received and/or filed the following:

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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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355 23-03366 46A(c). This court generally will not grant relief without providing an opportunity to file a response. *Id*.

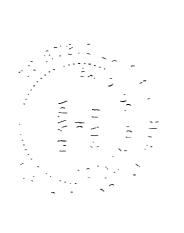
It is so ORDERED.

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cc: Joan Kathryn Wenger Attorney General/Carson City Douglas County District Attorney/Minden Douglas County Clerk

STATE OF NEVADA SS COUNTY OF DOUGLAS 5 I, BOBBIE R. WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Ninth Judicial 6 District Court, State of Nevada, in and for the said County of Douglas; said Court being a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction, and a Clerk and a Seal, do hereby certify that the foregoing are the full, true copies of the original pleadings 10 filed in Case No. 2021-CR-00114 THE STATE OF NEVADA vs. JOAN 11 KATHRYN WENGER and Case No. 2021-CR-00114B JOAN KATHRYN WENGER 12 vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA. 13 WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand TESTIMONY 14 IN 15 || and affixed my Official Seal at Minden, in said County and State 16 this 13TH day of February, A.D., 2023. 17 18 Clerk of 19 Apprentice Court Clerk 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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