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- Name of appellant filing case appeal statement: The name of the . 1. Appellant is Daniel Charles Cooke.
- Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order 2. appealed from: The judge who issued the ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR POST CONVICTION RELIEF was the Honorable Mason Simons, District Court Judge, Fourth Judicial District Court, Department #3.
- Identify of each appellant and the name and address of counsel 3. for each appellant. The sole appellant in this case is Daniel Charles Cooke. Appellant Daniel Charles Cooke's legal counsel is Benjamin C. Gaumond, Ben Gaumond Law Firm, PLLC, 495 Idaho Street, Suite 209, Elko, NV 89801.

- 4. Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel, if known, for each respondent. The respondents in this case are Renee Baker, Tim Garrett, and Charles Daniels. Counsel for Respondents are Chad Thompson and Aaron Ford. The address for Chad Thompson is 540 Court Street, Second Floor, Elko, NV 89801. The address for Aaron Ford is 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701.
- 5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to questions 3 or 4 is not licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada: All aforementioned counsel are licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada.
- 6. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the district court: Undersigned counsel was appointed to represent Appellant Daniel Charles Cooke in the district court.
- 7. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal: Undersigned appointed defense counsel continues to represent Appellant Daniel Charles Cooke on appeal.
- 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: Such leave has not been granted as of the filing of this case appeal statement.
- 9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court: April 9, 2018 was the date that the PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (POST-CONVICTION) was filed in the district court.

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 district court: Appellant Daniel Charles Cooke appeals from the ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR POST CONVICTION RELIEF that was filed on January 31, 2023.

- 11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the original proceeding: This case has been the subject of an appeal in case number 83578 in the Nevada Supreme Court as well as case number 83578-COA in the Nevada Court of Appeals.
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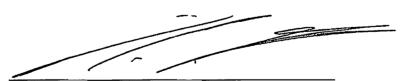
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This notice requests a transcript of only those portions of the district court proceedings that counsel for Petitioner reasonably and in good faith believes are necessary to determine whether appellate issues are present.

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<u>BAKER - WARDEN, RENEE</u> Respondent - <u>IN PROPER PERSON</u>, Defense Attorney - THOMPSON, CHAD Prosecution Attorney -

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RENEE BAKER, [now, TIM GARRETT].

Warden of Lovelock Correctional Center.

DANIEL CHARLES COOKE,

Petitioner.

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR POST

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and CHARLES DANIELS, director of Nevada Department of Corrections,

Respondents.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Petitioner, Daniel Charles Cooke, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) on April 9, 2018, alleging ineffective assistance of counsel. Mr. Cooke alleged that his counsel: (1) failed to pursue a direct appeal upon Mr. Cooke's request; (2) failed to adequately investigate voluntary intoxication as a defense to his charges; and (3) failed to advise him of the minimum sentence he faced for attempted sexual assault of a child under the age of 16 years.

The Court denied all three of Petitioner's claims without conducting an evidentiary hearing, and the Petitioner appealed. The Nevada Court of Appeals upheld the Court's decision to deny the Petition regarding the alleged failure to investigate voluntary intoxication

and the alleged failure to advise Mr. Cooke of the minimum sentence. The Nevada Court of Appeals held that this Court erred by failing to conduct an evidentiary hearing regarding Mr. Cooke's claim that his counsel failed to pursue a direct appeal and remanded that issue back to this Court to conduct an evidentiary hearing.

This Court conducted an evidentiary hearing on December 19, 2022. The Petitioner was present, in custody, along with his post-conviction counsel, Benjamin Gaumond, Esq. Chad Thompson, Esq. was present on behalf of the Respondents. The sole issue addressed at the evidentiary hearing was Petitioner's claim that his defense counsel failed to pursue a direct appeal after being directed to do so by Mr. Cooke.

At the evidentiary hearing, the Court took testimony from Brian Green, Esq., Petitioner's trial counsel, and Daniel Charles Cooke, Petitioner.

LEGAL ISSUE

The issue is whether the Petitioner's counsel, Brian Green, had a duty to consult with Daniel Cooke about an appeal and/or failed to file an appeal when obligated to do so.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner, Daniel Charles Cooke, was charged in a Second Amended Criminal Information filed on December 13, 2016 with the following charges: Count 1: Sexual Assault on a Child Under the Age of 14 Years, a Category A Felony as defined by NRS 200.366, Count 2: Lewdness with a Child Under 14 Years of Age, a Category A Felony as defined by NRS 201.230, and Count 3: Abuse of Neglect of a Child, a Category B Felony as defined by NRS 200.508(1). Following plea negotiations, Petitioner entered into a plea agreement on February 10, 2017 and subsequently entered a plea of guilty on February 16, 2017 to one count of Attempted Sexual Assault of a Child who is less than 16 Years of Age, a Category B Felony as defined by NRS 200.366 and NRS 193.330 (as charged in the 3rd Amended Criminal Information filed on February 14, 2017). At the time he entered his plea, Mr. Cooke indicated that he understood the conditions of the plea and that he wished to voluntarily enter

a guilty plea. At sentencing, Mr. Cooke was sentenced to 8 to 20 years in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

Counsel has a constitutional duty to pursue a direct appeal in two circumstances: when requested to do so and when the defendant expresses dissatisfaction with his conviction. *Toston v. State*, 127 Nev. 971, 978, 267 P.3d 795, 800 (2011). Prejudice is presumed when counsel "fails to file a direct appeal after a defendant has requested or expressed desire for a direct appeal." *Hathaway v. State*, 119 Nev. 248, 254, 71 P.3d 503, 507 (2003). Counsel has a constitutional duty to consult with the defendant about an appeal when there is reason to think either "(1) that a rational defendant would want to appeal, or (2) that this particular defendant reasonably demonstrated to counsel that he was interested in appealing." *Roe v. Flores-Ortega*, 528 U.S. 470, 480, 120 S. Ct. 1029, 1036 (2000). A court must consider all relevant factors when determining "whether a rational defendant would have desired an appeal or that that the particular defendant sufficiently demonstrated to counsel an interest in an appeal." *Id.* Whether the defendant accepted a guilty plea is a highly relevant factor. *Id.*

ANALYSIS

The Petitioner argues that he requested an appeal by: (1) verbally stating to Brian Green during plea discussions and after sentencing "we can just appeal" and (2) sending a letter to Brian Green roughly a week after sentencing directing him to appeal.

The Court must look at all relevant factors to determine whether Brian Green had a duty to consult with Daniel Cooke about an appeal and/or to possibly file an appeal. The first factor the Court considers is that Mr. Cooke entered a guilty plea. At his arraignment, Mr. Cooke stated that he understood the conditions of the plea and that he voluntarily wished to enter a guilty plea. At sentencing, Mr. Cooke did not receive a sentence outside of the boundaries of the plea agreement or the confines of what was statutorily allowed for the charged offense. The plea agreement also provided for limited circumstances in which an appeal could be sought, but otherwise waived the Petitioner's right to an appeal. This factor

favors the Respondent, as Mr. Cooke knew the substance of the agreement he had entered into and understood his limited appellate rights.

The next factor is the alleged verbal requests for an appeal. Mr. Cooke alleges that he told Mr. green "well we can just appeal" twice - once during discussions about the plea agreement at the Elko County Jail and once right after sentencing. If true, these would be statements acknowledging an understanding on the part of the Petitioner that he had a right to appeal, but not necessarily a statement of dissatisfaction about his conviction. The statement allegedly made during plea negotiations at the Elko County Jail, would obviously have occurred before the Petitioner even knew his sentence, and there would be no ability on the part of a Defendant to express dissatisfaction about a sentence he had yet to even receive. As such, this statement would have to be a statement acknowledging an understanding of an eventual right to appeal, rather than a statement of dissatisfaction with the conviction, as a conviction and sentencing had yet to occur. As the Petitioner allegedly repeats the identical statement on a second occasion after sentencing, the Court is compelled to take the same interpretation – the statement is one acknowledging an understanding on the part of the Petitioner that he had a right to an appeal, not necessarily a statement of dissatisfaction about his conviction or a directive to appeal.

The final factor is the alleged letter Mr. Cooke sent to Mr. Green from the jail asking for Mr. Green to appeal his sentence. A copy of the purported letter was admitted at the evidentiary hearing. The letter, which was admitted, is purported to be an identical holographic copy of the letter he sent to his trial counsel, Brian Green, following his sentencing hearing. Said letter includes a date line indicating the exact date he purportedly prepared the letter and transmitted said letter to his trial counsel. Strangely, the letter contains the wrong year on the date line of the letter, and Mr. Green testified that he never received any such letter. The fact that the letter contains the incorrect year raises serious credibility questions in the mind of the Court that the letter was in fact drafted and sent when the Petitioner claims to have done so. This fact, combined with counsel's lack of knowledge of ever having received such a letter, and the fact that the Public Defender's Office (for

whom trial counsel worked at the time the Petitioner was sentenced/convicted) has no record of ever having received such a letter (in their electronic case management system) the Court must necessarily conclude that the letter was not drafted and/or sent when the Petitioner claims to have done so.

Considering all of the factors noted above, the Court must determine whether Mr. Green, in light of these facts had a duty to consult with Mr. Cooke about an appeal. To do so, the Court must consider what a reasonable attorney would do in a similar situation. When a defendant pleads guilty and receives a sentence within the bounds of the plea, an attorney is unlikely to find it necessary to discuss a possible appeal with the defendant without expressly being asked to do so. As Mr. Cooke's alleged statements indicating "well we can just appeal" were not directives to appeal or statements of dissatisfaction with the sentence, these statements did not obligate counsel to pursue an appeal. The Court having found that Mr. Green never received any actual notice requesting an appeal, nor did the Defendant express explicit dissatisfaction with the sentencing outcome, Mr. Green acted as a reasonable attorney would have in similar circumstances and Mr. Green's performance as counsel was not ineffective.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition for Post-Conviction Relief is DENIED.

DATED this 30 day of January, 2023.

HON. MASON É. SIMONS District Court Judge – Dept. 3

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Fourth Judicial District Court, Department 3, and that on this ______ day of January, 2023, I served in the manner noted below a file stamped copy of this document addressed to:

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Benjamin C. Gaumond, Esq. [Box in Clerk's Office]

Nevada Attorney General's Office 100 N. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701 [U.S. Regular Mail]

Daniel Charles Cooke (Inmate #1178337) **Lovelock Correctional Center** 1200 Prison Road Lovelock, NV 89419 [U.S. Regular Mail]

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IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA

RECORD OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Present - Honorable MASON E. SIMONS, District Judge, and Officers of the Court.

DANIEL CHARLES COOKE.

VS.

Plaintiff,

Date: December 19, 2022

Case No.: ECDC-CVHC-18-194

Dept.: 3

RENEE BAKER (not TIME GARRETT) WARDEN,

Defendant.

Plaintiff present and represented by Benjamin Gaumond, Esq.
Defendant present and represented by Chad Thompson, Esq.
Court Clerk, Amanda Alaniz, present.

HEARING ON WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Court convened at 8:45 a.m.

The Court noted the presence of the parties.

This was the date and time set by the Court for a hearing on Evidentiary Hearing on the Petition for writ of habeas corpus filed April 9, 2022.

The Court made a record of the case.

The State advised the Court that Mr. Green also represent the defendant and wanted to canvass the Plaintiff to see if there is any conflict in the case and was stipulating that the criminal case transcripts be allowed as part of this case.

Mr. Gaumond advised the Court that he was an attorney for the Public Defender but had no connection to the criminal case and feels that he can still be a fair representative to the case.

The Court canvassed the Plaintiff regarding the criminal case and if he understood.

The Plaintiff advised the Court that he would still like Mr. Gaumond to remain on this case.

The State advised the Court that they were ready to proceed.

Mr. Gaumond called Daniel Cooke as his first witness.

Mr. Green advised the Court that did he need to be included in the rule of exclusion.

The Court advised Mr. Green that the parties are okay with him being in the Courtroom.

The witness was sworn and examined on direct by Mr. Gaumond.

Mr. Gaumond offered, a letter from Daniel Cooke, as Exhibit A.

The Court **ORDERED** Exhibit A, a letter from Daniel Cooke, entered.

Direct examination continued.

Cross examination by the State.

Re-direct by Mr. Gaumond.

Re-cross by the State.

The witness was excused.

The State called Brian Green as a witness.

The witness was sworn in and examined on direct by the State.

Cross-examination by Mr. Gaumond.

The State offered Exhibit 1, E-mail from Matthew Pennell, to be entered.

The court **ORDERED**, Exhibit 1, E-mail from Matthew Pennell, to be entered.

Mr. Gaumond made recommendations and closing statements.

The State made recommendations and closing statements.

Rebuttal by Mr. Gaumond.

The Court took matters under advisement.

Court adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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ELKO CO DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA AM

DANIEL CHARLES COOKE,

Appellant,

VS.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

CHARLES DANIELS, DIRECTOR, Nevada Department of Corrections, Respondent,

I, KRISTINE JAKEMAN, the duly elected, acting and qualified County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Elko, do hereby certify that the annexed are true, full and correct copies of certain documents in Case No.CV-HC-18-194, Dept. 3, DANIEL CHARLES COOKE, Appellant, vs. CHARLES DANIELS, DIRECTOR, Nevada Department of Corrections, Respondent, as appears on file and of record in my office.

WITNESS My Hand and Seal of said Court on February 23, 2023.

KRISTINE JAKEMAN, ELKO COUNTY CLERK

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Annette Marshall, DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused to be sent electronically and/or mailed a certified copy of the annexed documents in Case No. CV-HC-18-194, Dept. 3, DANIEL CHARLES COOKE, Appellant, vs. CHARLES DANIELS, DIRECTOR, Nevada Department of Corrections, Respondent, as appears on file and of record in this Court, to the following:

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DATED this 23rd, day of February 2023.

Annette Marshall, Deputy Clerk