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4		This is not a civil case.	
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CASE SUMMARY CASE No. C-23-379122-4

State of Nevada vs Michael McDonald Location: Department 18
Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay
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Cross-Reference Case C379122

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Grand Jury Case Number: 23AGJ164D

CASE	INFORMATION	J

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OFFERING FALSE INSTRUMENT FOR FILING OR RECORD	239.330	F	12/08/2020	Case	07/26/2024 Closed
2. UTTERING FORGED INSTRUMENTS: FORGERY	205.110	F	12/08/2020	Status:	07/20/2024 Closed

Related Cases

C-23-379122-1 (Multi-Defendant Case) C-23-379122-2 (Multi-Defendant Case) C-23-379122-3 (Multi-Defendant Case) C-23-379122-5 (Multi-Defendant Case) C-23-379122-6 (Multi-Defendant Case)

Statistical Closures

07/26/2024 Other Manner of Disposition - Criminal

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12/06/2023	HEARINGS Grand Jury Indictment (11:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Wiese, Jerry A.)	
	MINUTES Matter Heard; Journal Entry Details: Charles Hopper, Grand Jury Foreperson, stated to the Court that at least twelve members had concurred in the return of the true bill during deliberation, but had been excused for presentation to the Court. State presented Grand Jury Case Number 23AGJ164D to the Court. COURT ORDERED, the Indictment may be filed and is assigned Case Number C-23-379122-4, Department XVIII. State requested a summons and advised Deft is not in custody. COURT ORDERED, INDICTMENT SUMMONS ISSUED, matter SET for Arraignment. Upon Court's inquiry, the State advised there are no material witness warrants to quash. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Exhibits 1-34, including 1a, 2a and 6a to be lodged with the Clerk of the Court. In addition, a Pre-Trial Risk Assessment will be prepared if one was not previously done. NIC (SUMMON) 12/18/23 9:30 A.M. INITIAL ARRAIGNMENT (DEPT 18); SCHEDULED HEARINGS Initial Arraignment (12/18/2023 at 9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)	
12/18/2023	Initial Arraignment (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)	
	MINUTES Trial Date Set; Journal Entry Details:	
	George Kelesis, Esq. and Richard Wright, Esq. present for Deft. Degraffenreid, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald, Deft. Meehan, and Deft. Rice; Deft. Degraffenreid, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald, Deft. Meehan, and Deft. Rice present out of custody via BlueJeans video conference. Statement by the Court regarding Mr. Langford. Court DISCLOSED Mr. Langford was married to the Court's cousin, and their sons were roommates. Court affirmed it would set all trial dates at once. DEFT. MCDONALD ARRAIGNED, PLED NOT GUILTY,	

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and WAIVED the 60-DAY RULE. COURT ORDERED, matter SET for trial.Statement by Ms. Engler regarding prior colloquy with Mr. Wright as to representing all Defts. Ms. Engler confirmed her office did not know if conflict waivers had been filed; she was fine for purposes of taking the plea, but she would like to raise that now. Court advised whatever needed to be raised should be done sooner than later. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Wright confirmed he and Mr. Kelesis were representing all six of the individuals on the State level, and Defts. were informed each would have their own individual counsel. Mr. Wright further confirmed at the instant hearing all six individuals understood he and Mr. Kelesis were representing them for their initial appearance. Ms. Engler concurred. Court acknowledged that representation. Colloquy regarding discovery. Ms. Engler confirmed, with respect to discovery, her office would send a link; would require an external hard drive for emails. Following colloquy, Court encouraged, with the amount of discovery, for all counsel to get involved early. COURT ORDERED, pursuant to Statute, Counsel has 21 days from today for the filing of any Writs; if the Preliminary Hearing Transcript has not been filed as of today, Counsel has 21 days from the filing of the Transcript. NIC (ALL DEFTS.) 3/4/24 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL (ALL DEFTS.) 3/11/24 1:00 PM JURY TRIAL (ALL DEFTS.);

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

Calendar Call (03/04/2024 at 9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay) CANCELED Jury Trial (03/11/2024 at 1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay) Vacated

02/13/2024

Minute Order (9:45 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

Journal Entry Details:

This Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, and for good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon request of this Court, and there being no opposition filed with the Court, that the STATE S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE EXHIBIT 1 AND 2 UNDER SEAL (Docket No. 22) is hereby GRANTED. The hearing regarding the States Motion set on February 26, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. will be VACATED as MOOT. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon request of this Court, that Temporary Plaintiff's Under Seal Submission pertaining to Exhibit: 1 and 2 (Docket No. 21), is hereby APPROVED and may be filed under seal in case C-23-379122-4, State of Nevada v. Michael McDonald, pursuant to Nevada Rules Governing Sealing and Redacting Court Records, Rule 3. CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this

minute order sent to the Sealing/Striking / Redacting team. //6-23-23/ dy;

02/26/2024 CANCELED Motion to Seal/Redact Records (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

Vacated - Moot

State's Motion for Leave to File Exhibit 1 and 2 Under Seal

03/04/2024 Calendar Call (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

Vacated and Reset:

03/04/2024 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay) 03/04/2024, 05/15/2024, 06/21/2024

Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Memorandum of Points and Authorities

Matter Continued;

Briefing Schedule Set;

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03/04/2024 Joinder (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

03/04/2024, 05/15/2024, 06/21/2024

Defendant's Joinder to Motion to Dismiss [C-23-379122-6]

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Briefing Schedule Set;

Granted:

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Briefing Schedule Set;

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All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

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Matter Heard;

Journal Entry Details:

Richard Wright, Esq. present on behalf of George Kelesis, Esq. for Deft. DeGraffenried; Brian Hardy, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Hindle; Maggie McLetchie, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Law; Richard Wright, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. McDonald; Sigal Chattah, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Meehan; Monti Levy, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Rice; Deft. DeGraffenried, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald, Deft. Meehan, and Deft. Rice present out of custody via Zoom video conference. CALENDAR CALL...PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES...JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS Court noted the instant matter was on for calendar call and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, and inquired if parties had agreed on a date to move them. Ms. Engler stated parties had agreed to set the Motion to Dismiss and Pretrial Writ hearing to April 22, 2024. Ms. Engler inquired, given the potential length of the arguments, if Court would prefer to set the matters at the end of that calendar. Court advised it did not matter, however if parties did not want to sit through the calendar, that would be fine. Ms. Engler contemplated an appearance time of 10:30 a.m. Court suggested 11 a.m. Ms. Levy noted a Motion to Continue was filed on behalf of Ms. Rice, which was unopposed, and further everyone had conferred, therefore requested a trial date in the middle of January 2025 stack. Statements by Ms. Engler, noting the State was fine with that stack. COURT ORDERED, Motion to Continue Trial was hereby GRANTED; trial VACATED and RESET. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, all Defts. Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus, and Deft. Rice's Motion to Dismiss, and associated Joinders were hereby CONTINUED to April 22, 2024. NIC (ALL DEFTS.) 04-22-24 09:30 AM PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES (ALL DEFTS.) 04-22-24 09:30 AM MOTION TO DISMISS (DEFT. RICE) 04-22-24 09:30 AM JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS (DEFT. DEGRAFFENEID, DEFT. HINDLE, DEFT. LAW, DEFT. MCDONALD, DEFT. MEEHAN) 01-06-25 09:30 AM CALENDAR CALL (ALL DEFTS.) 01-13-25 01:00 PM JURY TRIAL (ALL DEFTS.);

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

CANCELED Jury Trial (03/11/2024 at 1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay) Vacated

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CANCELED Jury Trial (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

05/15/2024

Motion (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

Joint Motion for Leave to File Reply to State's Return and Response to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Pre-Trial)

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Granted:

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

All Pending Motions (05/15/2024 at 9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

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All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

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Journal Entry Details:

George Kelesis, Esq. present via Zoom video conference for Deft. DeGraffenreid, Brian Hardy Esq. present for Deft. Hindle, Margaret McLetchie, Esq. present for Deft. Law, Richard Wright, Esq. present for Deft. McDonald, Sigal Chattah, Esq. present for Deft. Meehan and Monti Levy, Esq. present for Deft. Rice; Deft. DeGraffenreid, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald and Deft. Meehan present out of custody via Zoom video conference.

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DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES ... DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6] ... JOINT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO STATE'S RETURN AND RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (PRE-TRIAL) JOINT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO STATE'S RETURN AND RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (PRE-TRIAL) Deft. Rice not present. Ms. Levy requested for Deft. Rice's present to be waived. No objection by Ms. Engler. Further statements by Ms. Engler. Court inquired as to what would be the harm with defense counsel getting more information. Ms. Engler argued that the State was clear, and there was no leave for marginal evidence, adding defense was trying to bring in an email. Court advised it was not making a decision as to the Petition, noting it seemed fair to let counsel file it, and to let the Court read it. Further arguments by Ms. Engler. COURT ORDERED, Joinders and Joint Motion for Leave to File Reply to State's Return and Response to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Pre-trial) was hereby GRANTED. Ms. Engler noted the State would submit on the briefs. DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES ... DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6] Court advised it had not seen anything like the instant case, expressing it was so much to the initial Motion to Dismiss, which boiled down to jurisdiction. Court requested that Ms. Engler do supplemental briefing. Court noted the action warranted it being in Clark County. Ms. Engler concurred, and noted she would prefer for the Motion to be heard as soon as possible. Colloquy between parties. Following colloquy, Court advised it was not looking for more argument, but looking for facts as to what gave jurisdiction in the instant Court. Further colloquy regarding briefing schedule. Following colloquy, parties agreed to June 18, 2024 for hearing. COURT ORDERED, the following briefing schedule SET: State to file Supplemental Briefing by May 29, 2024, Defense to file Opposition by June 5, 2024, matter SET for argument and the instant Motions CONTINUED. NIC (ALL DEFTS.) 6/18/24 11:00 AM ARGUMENT: DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES ... DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6] (ALL DEFTS);

06/21/2024



All Pending Motions (10:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)

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Journal Entry Details:

George Kelesis, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. DeGraffenreid, Brian Hardy, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Hindle, Margaret McLetchie, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Law, Richard Wright, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. McDonald, Sigal Chattah, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Meehan, Monti Levy, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Rice. All Defts. present out of custody via Zoom video conference. DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6] Court noted it would make sense to start with the Motion to Dismiss. Statements by Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright requested Court dismiss the instant case for lack of jurisdiction. Arguments by Mr. Rashbrook in opposition to the instant Motion. Colloquy regarding jurisdiction. Court noted everything took place up north and either of those jurisdictions would be the appropriate one. Court further noted it didn't think it had jurisdiction over the instant case. COURT ORDERED, Motion to Dismiss was hereby GRANTED as set forth in Defendants papers, and further, everything else was MOOT and trial date VACATED. Colloquy regarding appeal and trial dates. Ms. Engler inquired about the Findings of Fact, in which Court advised defense counsel would prepare and submit to the State for approval as to form and content. NIC (ALL DEFTS.).;

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

CANCELED Calendar Call (01/06/2025 at 9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay) Vacated

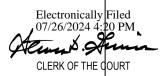
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This matter came before the Court on May 15, 2024, and subsequently on June 21, 2024, before the Honorable Mary Kay Holthus for a hearing on the following Motion and joinders thereto, for which Monti Jordana Levy appeared on behalf of Eileen A. Rice, Richard A. Wright appeared on behalf of Michael James McDonald, Margaret A. McLetchie appeared on behalf of Jesse Reed Law, Brian R. Hardy appeared on behalf of Durward James Hindle III, Sigal Chattah appeared on behalf of Shawn Michael Meehan, George P. Kelesis appeared on behalf of James Walter Degraffenreid III, and Aaron D. Ford, Alissa C. Engler and Matthew J. Rashbrook appeared on behalf of the State of Nevada.

- 1. Eileen A. Rice's January 29, 2024, Motion to Dismiss; and
- 2. The Joinders thereto by Michael James McDonald, Jesse Reed Law, James Walter Degraffenreid III, Durward James Hindle III, and Shawn Michael Meehan.

The Court, having carefully reviewed all papers and pleadings on file in this matter (including the State's February 8, 2024, Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss and its May 29. 2024, Supplement thereto) and having entertained the arguments of counsel, considered the points and authorities thereof and reviewing the evidence, and for good cause appearing, hereby makes the following findings of facts, conclusions of law and orders the following:

I. FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State contends venue is proper in Clark County pursuant to NRS 171.030. For the reasons set forth below, the grand jury for Clark County did not have authority because the Eighth Judicial District does not have territorial jurisdiction, and the indictments must thus be dismissed.

A. Legal Standard

- 1. The State may seek indictment by a grand jury anywhere that the district court for which the grand jury was empaneled has territorial jurisdiction. NRS 172.105.
- 2. "The term territorial jurisdiction under NRS 172.105 is a term of art that incorporates Nevada's statutes governing venue and, thus, the statute empowers a grand jury to inquire into an offense so long as the district court that empaneled the grand jury may

appropriately adjudicate the defendant's guilt for that particular offense. Under NRS 172.105, if venue is proper in a given district court for an alleged criminal offense, then it was committed within that court's territorial jurisdiction and a grand jury empaneled by that district court has the authority to inquire into that offense." *Guzman v. Second Judicial Dist. Court ("Guzman I")*, 136 Nev. 103, 110, 460 P.3d 443, 450 (2020).

3. Jurisdiction for an offense may lie in more than one county; NRS 171.030 provides:

When a public offense is committed in part in one county and in part in another or the acts or effects thereof constituting or requisite to the consummation of the offense occur in two or more counties. the venue is in either county.

- 4. Determining whether a grand jury had jurisdiction "is a question reserved for the court." *Id.* at 110, 450 (*citing McNamara v. State*, 132 Nev. 606, 613-14, 377 P.3d 106, 112 (2016).
- 5. The State does not have unfettered discretion to decide where to seek a grand jury indictment.
- 6. Instead, the State has the burden of establishing jurisdiction by a preponderance of the evidence. *McNamara*, 132 Nev. at 615, 377 Nev. at 113.
- 7. This Court was thus charged with determining whether, based on the evidence presented to the Clark County grand jury, the State met its burden of establishing that venue is proper in the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County.
- 8. Although jurisdiction may lie even if the crime was not committed in a county, "[n]either formation of intent alone nor preparatory acts alone [in the charging county] are sufficient to make venue proper in a charging county." *Guzman v. Second Judicial Dist. Court ("Guzman II")*, 496 P.3d 572, 576 (Nev. 2021).
- 9. "In Nevada, venue cannot be based on supposedly preparatory acts unless the evidence shows that those acts were undertaken with the intent to commit the charged crime and in furtherance of that crime." *Id. at 577*.
- 10. "Many crimes involve countless acts which lead to the ultimate criminal act being possible. But it is obvious that not every action undertaken by a defendant which puts

them in the particular place, time, and circumstances of an offense was done with the intent to commit that offense." *Id*.

- 11. While "neither intent nor a supposedly preparatory act, standing alone, is sufficient to make venue proper in a charging county[,] when there is evidence of a preparatory act plus intent in that county, an act requisite to the consummation of the charged offense has occurred there, and a grand jury may indict a defendant of that offense." *Id*.
- 12. However, "it is not enough to present evidence that may have allowed the grand jury to speculate that intent could possibly have been formed in the charging county, or that an action in the charging county may have been preparatory for the disputed charges." *Guzman II*, 496 P.3d at 580.
- 13. "[C]rimes should be tried where they occurred in the absence of a statutory exception."

B. Factual Findings and Conclusions of Law

- 14. The question for the Court is whether the State met its burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence, that any defendant committed any act or effect constituting or requisite to the consummation charged offenses, NRS 239.330 and NRS 205.110, in Clark County, including whether there was sufficient evidence of a preparatory act plus intent by any defendant in Clark County.
- 15. At this Court's hearing in this matter held on May 15, 2024, the Court directed the State to provide a supplement listing all evidence of Clark County contacts that support a determination that the Court had jurisdiction, which the State submitted on May 29, 2024 (the "Supplement"). ¹
- 16. The evidence listed in the Supplement does not establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that an act or effect constituting or requisite to the consummation of the offense was committed in Clark County, or that a preparatory act plus intent was committed in Clark County.

¹ This submission was limited to evidence (facts), and the Defendants did not file a response because the scope of that Response was limited to factual issues.

- 17. The county of residence, mailing address, or headquarters of the Nevada Republican Party do not establish that an act or effect constituting or requisite to the consummation of the offense was committed in Clark County, or that a preparatory act plus intent was committed in Clark County with intent.
- 18. The fact defendants have ties to Clark County is insufficient to establish jurisdiction.
- 19. The Court cannot infer from these facts and find that intent plus preparation occurred in Clark County based on the evidence the State submitted. The mere possibility that preparatory acts were committed with intent in Clark County is speculative and insufficient.
- 20. The fact that the Defendants erroneously addressed a mailing to Chief Judge of the U.S District Court to Las Vegas instead of her chambers in Reno, Nevada, where it was ultimately received, unopened, is not evidence that an act or effect constituting or requisite to the consummation of the offense was committed in Clark County, or that a preparatory act plus intent was committed in Clark County.
- 21. The fact that the Secretary of State was physically in Las Vegas when the documents were received by the Secretary of State's Office in Carson City is not evidence that an act or effect constituting or requisite to the consummation of the offense was committed in Clark County, or that a preparatory act plus intent was committed in Clark County.
- 22. Additionally, the crimes, if any occurred, were completed when Defendants delivered the items for mailing at the Minden post office.
- 23. The Court considered all the evidence and the State failed to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that an act or effect constituting or requisite to the offense was committed in Clark County, or that a preparatory act plus intent was committed in Clark County.
- 24. In light of the foregoing, the Court is required to dismiss the charges against the defendants.

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5	Defendants are hereby dismissed in their ent	irety.
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PARTIES

PRESENT: Engler, Alissa Attorney

State of Nevada

Plaintiff

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Charles Hopper, Grand Jury Foreperson, stated to the Court that at least twelve members had concurred in the return of the true bill during deliberation, but had been excused for presentation to the Court. State presented Grand Jury Case Number 23AGJ164D to the Court. COURT ORDERED, the Indictment may be filed and is assigned Case Number C-23-379122-4, Department XVIII.

State requested a summons and advised Deft is not in custody. COURT ORDERED, INDICTMENT SUMMONS ISSUED, matter SET for Arraignment.

Upon Court's inquiry, the State advised there are no material witness warrants to quash. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Exhibits 1-34, including 1a, 2a and 6a to be lodged with the Clerk of the Court. In addition, a Pre-Trial Risk Assessment will be prepared if one was not previously done.

NIC(SUMMON)

12/18/23 9:30 A.M. INITIAL ARRAIGNMENT (DEPT 18)

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

December 18, 2023

C-23-379122-4

State of Nevada

vs

Michael McDonald

December 18, 2023 9:30 AM Initial Arraignment

HEARD BY: Holthus, Mary Kay

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03F

COURT CLERK: Dara Yorke

Krystle Roberson

RECORDER: Yvette G. Sison

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Engler, Alissa Attorney

Ford, Aaron D.

Kelesis, George P.

McDonald, Michael

Rashbrook, Matthew J.

State of Nevada

Wright, Richard Allen

Attorney

Attorney

Attorney

Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- George Kelesis, Esq. and Richard Wright, Esq. present for Deft. Degraffenreid, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald, Deft. Meehan, and Deft. Rice; Deft. Degraffenreid, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald, Deft. Meehan, and Deft. Rice present out of custody via BlueJeans video conference.

Statement by the Court regarding Mr. Langford. Court DISCLOSED Mr. Langford was married to the Court's cousin, and their sons were roommates. Court affirmed it would set all trial dates at once. DEFT. MCDONALD ARRAIGNED, PLED NOT GUILTY, and WAIVED the 60-DAY RULE. COURT ORDERED, matter SET for trial. Statement by Ms. Engler regarding prior colloquy with Mr. Wright as to representing all Defts. Ms. Engler confirmed her office did not know if conflict waivers had been filed; she was fine for purposes of taking the plea, but she would like to raise that now. Court advised whatever needed to be raised should be done sooner than later. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Wright

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confirmed he and Mr. Kelesis were representing all six of the individuals on the State level, and Defts. were informed each would have their own individual counsel. Mr. Wright further confirmed at the instant hearing all six individuals understood he and Mr. Kelesis were representing them for their initial appearance. Ms. Engler concurred. Court acknowledged that representation. Colloquy regarding discovery. Ms. Engler confirmed, with respect to discovery, her office would send a link; would require an external hard drive for emails. Following colloquy, Court encouraged, with the amount of discovery, for all counsel to get involved early. COURT ORDERED, pursuant to Statute, Counsel has 21 days from today for the filing of any Writs; if the Preliminary Hearing Transcript has not been filed as of today, Counsel has 21 days from the filing of the Transcript.

NIC (ALL DEFTS.)

3/4/24 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL (ALL DEFTS.)

3/11/24 1:00 PM JURY TRIAL (ALL DEFTS.)

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

February 13, 2024

C-23-379122-4

State of Nevada

vs

Michael McDonald

February 13, 2024

9:45 AM

Minute Order

HEARD BY: Holthus, Mary Kay

COURTROOM: Chambers

COURT CLERK: Dara Yorke

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- This Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, and for good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon request of this Court, and there being no opposition filed with the Court, that the STATE S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE EXHIBIT 1 AND 2 UNDER SEAL (Docket No. 22) is hereby GRANTED. The hearing regarding the States Motion set on February 26, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. will be VACATED as MOOT. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon request of this Court, that Temporary Plaintiff's Under Seal Submission pertaining to Exhibit: 1 and 2 (Docket No. 21), is hereby APPROVED and may be filed under seal in case C-23-379122-4, State of Nevada v. Michael McDonald, pursuant to Nevada Rules Governing Sealing and Redacting Court Records, Rule 3.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order sent to the Sealing/ Striking / Redacting team. //6-23-23/ dy

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DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

March 04, 2024

C-23-379122-4

State of Nevada

Michael McDonald

March 04, 2024

9:30 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Holthus, Mary Kay

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03F

COURT CLERK: Mary Anderson

RECORDER: Yvette G. Sison

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Engler, Alissa

Attorney Defendant Attorney Plaintiff Attorney

Rashbrook, Matthew J. State of Nevada Wright, Richard Allen

McDonald, Michael

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Richard Wright, Esq. present on behalf of George Kelesis, Esq. for Deft. DeGraffenried; Brian Hardy, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Hindle; Maggie McLetchie, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Law; Richard Wright, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. McDonald; Sigal Chattah, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Meehan; Monti Levy, Esq. present on behalf of Deft. Rice; Deft. DeGraffenried, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald, Deft. Meehan, and Deft. Rice present out of custody via Zoom video conference.

CALENDAR CALL...PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES...JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS

Court noted the instant matter was on for calendar call and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, and inquired if parties had agreed on a date to move them. Ms. Engler stated parties had agreed to set the Motion to Dismiss and Pretrial Writ hearing to April 22, 2024. Ms. Engler inquired, given the potential length of the arguments, if Court would prefer to set the matters at the end of that calendar.

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Court advised it did not matter, however if parties did not want to sit through the calendar, that would be fine. Ms. Engler contemplated an appearance time of 10:30 a.m. Court suggested 11 a.m. Ms. Levy noted a Motion to Continue was filed on behalf of Ms. Rice, which was unopposed, and further everyone had conferred, therefore requested a trial date in the middle of January 2025 stack. Statements by Ms. Engler, noting the State was fine with that stack. COURT ORDERED, Motion to Continue Trial was hereby GRANTED; trial VACATED and RESET. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, all Defts. Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus, and Deft. Rice's Motion to Dismiss, and associated Joinders were hereby CONTINUED to April 22, 2024.

NIC (ALL DEFTS.)

04-22-24 09:30 AM PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES (ALL DEFTS.)

04-22-24 09:30 AM MOTION TO DISMISS (DEFT. RICE)

04-22-24 09:30 AM JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS (DEFT. DEGRAFFENEID, DEFT. HINDLE, DEFT. LAW, DEFT. MCDONALD, DEFT. MEEHAN)

01-06-25 09:30 AM CALENDAR CALL (ALL DEFTS.)

01-13-25 01:00 PM JURY TRIAL (ALL DEFTS.)

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

May 15, 2024

C-23-379122-4

State of Nevada

VS

Michael McDonald

May 15, 2024

9:30 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Holthus, Mary Kay

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03F

COURT CLERK: Dara Yorke

RECORDER:

Yvette G. Sison

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT:

Engler, Alissa Attorney
Ford, Aaron D. Attorney
McDonald, Michael Defendant
Rashbrook, Matthew J. Attorney
State of Nevada Plaintiff
Wright, Richard Allen Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- George Kelesis, Esq. present via Zoom video conference for Deft. DeGraffenreid, Brian Hardy Esq. present for Deft. Hindle, Margaret McLetchie, Esq. present for Deft. Law, Richard Wright, Esq. present for Deft. McDonald, Sigal Chattah, Esq. present for Deft. Meehan and Monti Levy, Esq. present for Deft. Rice; Deft. DeGraffenreid, Deft. Hindle, Deft. Law, Deft. McDonald and Deft. Meehan present out of custody via Zoom video conference.

DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES ...

DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6] ... JOINT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO STATE'S RETURN AND RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (PRE-TRIAL)

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JOINT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO STATE'S RETURN AND RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (PRE-TRIAL)

Deft. Rice not present. Ms. Levy requested for Deft. Rice's present to be waived. No objection by Ms. Engler. Further statements by Ms. Engler. Court inquired as to what would be the harm with defense counsel getting more information. Ms. Engler argued that the State was clear, and there was no leave for marginal evidence, adding defense was trying to bring in an email. Court advised it was not making a decision as to the Petition, noting it seemed fair to let counsel file it, and to let the Court read it. Further arguments by Ms. Engler. COURT ORDERED, Joinders and Joint Motion for Leave to File Reply to State's Return and Response to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Pre-trial) was hereby GRANTED. Ms. Engler noted the State would submit on the briefs.

DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES ...

DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6]

Court advised it had not seen anything like the instant case, expressing it was so much to the initial Motion to Dismiss, which boiled down to jurisdiction. Court requested that Ms. Engler do supplemental briefing. Court noted the action warranted it being in Clark County. Ms. Engler concurred, and noted she would prefer for the Motion to be heard as soon as possible. Colloquy between parties. Following colloquy, Court advised it was not looking for more argument, but looking for facts as to what gave jurisdiction in the instant Court. Further colloquy regarding briefing schedule. Following colloquy, parties agreed to June 18, 2024 for hearing. COURT ORDERED, the following briefing schedule SET: State to file Supplemental Briefing by May 29, 2024, Defense to file Opposition by June 5, 2024, matter SET for argument and the instant Motions CONTINUED.

NIC (ALL DEFTS.)

6/18/24 11:00 AM ARGUMENT: DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES ... DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6] (ALL DEFTS)

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Felony/Gross Misdemeanor

COURT MINUTES

June 21, 2024

C-23-379122-4

State of Nevada

VS

Michael McDonald

June 21, 2024

10:30 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Holthus, Mary Kay

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03F

COURT CLERK: Mary Anderson

RECORDER:

Yvette G. Sison

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Engler, Alissa

Engler, Alissa Attorney
Ford, Aaron D. Attorney
Kelesis, George P. Attorney
McDonald, Michael Defendant
Rashbrook, Matthew J. Attorney
State of Nevada Plaintiff
Wright, Richard Allen Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

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DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES DEFENDANT'S JOINDER TO MOTION TO DISMISS [C-23-379122-6]

Court noted it would make sense to start with the Motion to Dismiss. Statements by Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright requested Court dismiss the instant case for lack of jurisdiction. Arguments by Mr. Rashbrook

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in opposition to the instant Motion. Colloquy regarding jurisdiction. Court noted everything took place up north and either of those jurisdictions would be the appropriate one. Court further noted it didn't think it had jurisdiction over the instant case. COURT ORDERED, Motion to Dismiss was hereby GRANTED as set forth in Defendants papers, and further, everything else was MOOT and trial date VACATED. Colloquy regarding appeal and trial dates. Ms. Engler inquired about the Findings of Fact, in which Court advised defense counsel would prepare and submit to the State for approval as to form and content.

NIC (ALL DEFTS.).

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CASE NO. C-23-379122-1,-2,-3,-4,-5,-6 DEPT. NO. XVIII AG ALISSA ENGLER

Defendant(s):

JAMES DEGRAFFENREID, III

DURWARD HINDLE, III

JESSE LAW

MICHAEL MCDONALD

SHAWN MEEHAN EILEEN RICE

Case No(s):

23AGJ164A-F (RANDOMLY TRACKS TO ANY DEPARTMENT)

Charge(s):

As to ALL Defendants:

COUNT 1 - OFFERING FALSE INSTRUMENT FOR FILING OR

RECORD (Category C Felony - NRS 239.330 - NOC 52399)

COUNT 2 - UTTERING FORGED INSTRUMENTS: FORGERY (Category

D Felony - NRS 205.110 - NOC 50462)

Def. Counsel(s):

N/A

SUMMONS (2 WEEKS):

FOR ALL DEFTS -

ALL DEFTS ARE OUT OF CUSTODY

NO CASE TO BE DISMISSED

Exhibits:

M 1.Proposed Indictment

M 1A. Proposed Indictment

2. Instructions

2a. instructions

3. Waiver of Audio Visual

4. Certificate of Custodial Records

5. Certificate of Vote

6. Custodian of Record

ke 6a. Flash Drive

Ky 7. Photo

8. Photo

9. Photo

10. Photo

Ka 11. Photo

Ky 12. Photo

13. Photo – Meehan person report

14. Photo – McDonald person report

15. Photo - Hindle person report

16. Photo - Degraffen person report

M 17. Photo - Rice person report

Kan 18. Photo - Reed person report

19. Documents - emails

20. Document - Certificate of COR

(4 21. Financial Document

KA22. Order of AffirmanceKA28. EmailsKA23. Document − Google searchKA29. EmailWarrantKA30. EmailsKA24. letter from NV sec of StateKA31. EmailsKA25. MemorandumKA32. Google Subscriber InfoKA26. MemorandumKA33. EmailKA27. EmailKA34. Emails

Exhibits 1-34 to be lodged with the Clerk of the Court.



EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

AARON D. FORD, ATTORNEY GENERAL 1 STATE OF NEVADA WY., SUITE 100 LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

> DATE: July 29, 2024 CASE: C-23-379122-4

RE CASE: STATE OF NEVADA vs. MICHAEL JAMES MCDONALD

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: July 26, 2024

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS **NOT** TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

Case Appeal Statement - NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
Order
Notice of Entry of Order

NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

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Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

Certification of Copy

State of Nevada County of Clark SS

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

STATE OF NEVADA'S NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; EXHIBITS LIST; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

MICHAEL JAMES MCDONALD,

Defendant(s).

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: C-23-379122-4

Dept No: XVIII

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 29 day of July 2024.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

DISTRICT

/s/ Heather Ungermann

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk