



# In the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada

## INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

SIAOSI VANISI,

Appellant(s),

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent(s).

No. 35249

## DOCKETING STATEMENT CRIMINAL APPEALS

(Including pretrial and post-conviction habeas corpus, and petitions for relief)

**FILED**

DEC 15 1999

JANETTE M. BLOOM  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. Shoop*  
DEPUTY CLERK

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Judicial District Second County WASHOE  
Judge Hon. Connie Steinheimer District Ct. Docket No. CR98-0516

2. If the defendant was given a sentence,

(a) what is the sentence? DEATH

(b) has the sentence been stayed pending appeal? YES

(c) was defendant admitted to bail pending appeal? NO

3. Was trial or post-conviction counsel appointed XX or retained.....?

4. Attorney filing this docketing statement:

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

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(List additional counsel on separate sheet if necessary)

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6. Nature of disposition below

- ☐ Judgment after bench trial  
☒ Judgment after jury verdict  
☐ Judgment upon guilty plea  
☐ Grant of pretrial motion to dismiss  
☐ Parole/Probation revocation  
☐ Motion for new trial  
    ☐ grant   ☐ denial  
☐ Motion to withdraw guilty plea  
    ☐ grant   ☐ denial

- ☐ Grant of pretrial habeas  
☐ Grant of motion to suppress evidence  
☐ Post-conviction relief (NRS ch. 177)  
    ☐ grant   ☐ denial  
☐ Post-conviction habeas (NRS ch. 34)  
    ☐ grant   ☐ denial  
☐ Other disposition (specify).....  
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7. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following:

- ☒ death sentence                      ☐ juvenile offender  
☐ life sentence                         ☐ pretrial proceedings

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

Yes.....☒.....No.....

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

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

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

Mr. Vanisi was convicted of murder and sentenced to death.  
Mr. Vanisi was also given consecutive maximum sentences for related felony counts.

12. **No Merit Appeal.** If appellant was the defendant below, does counsel intend to file an affidavit of no merit appeal pursuant to Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967) and Sanchez v. State, 85 Nev. 95, 450 P.2d 793 (1969)?

Yes.....No..... n/a

13. **Issues on appeal.** State completely the principal issue(s) in this appeal:

Whether the Court erred in denying certain pre-trial motions.  
Whether the Court erred in denying Vanisi's motion to be allowed self-representation.  
Whether the evidence presented was sufficient to convict on each count beyond a reasonable doubt.  
Whether the death penalty was improperly imposed herein.  
Whether the death penalty was excessive given the offense and the character of the defendant.

14. **Constitutional issues.** If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

N/A XX.....Yes.....No.....

If not, explain.....  
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15. **Issues of first-impression or of public interest.** Does this appeal present a substantial legal issue of first-impression in this jurisdiction or one affecting an important public interest?

First-impression: Yes.....No.....XX.....

Public interest: Yes.....No.....XX.....

16. **Length of trial.** If this action proceeded to trial in the district court, how many days did the trial last?

.....12.....days

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

Yes.....No.....XXX.....

### **TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL**

18. Date district court announced decision, sentence or order appealed from.....November 22, 1999

19. Date of entry of written judgment or order appeal from.....November 22, 1999

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

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

(a) Was service by delivery or by mail.....(specify).

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

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

Arrest judgment.....Date filed.....

New trial.....Date filed.....

(newly discovered evidence)

New trial.....Date filed.....

(other grounds)

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

22. Date notice of appeal filed.....November 30, 1999

23. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, *e.g.*, NRAP 4(b), NRS 34.710, NRS 34.815, NRS 177.015(2), or other.....NRAP 3(b), NRAP 4(b)

### SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

24. Specify statute, rule or other authority which grants this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:

NRS 177.015(1)(b).....

NRS 177.015(2).....

NRS 177.055.....

NRS 177.385.....

NRS 34.710(3).....

NRS 34.710(4).....

NRS 34.815

Other (specify).....NRS 177.015(3)

### VERIFICATION

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

SIAOSI VANISI

.....  
Name of appellant

December 14, 1999

.....  
Date

JOHN REESE PETTY

.....  
Name of counsel of record

  
.....  
Signature of counsel of record

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all counsel of record:

☒ by personally serving it upon him/her; ~~or~~ via inter-office mail

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

GARY HATLESTAD  
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999

  
Signature

JOANNE PARKER