IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 1 ALFRED P. CENTOFANTI III, 2 3 Appellant, **Electronically Filed** Jan 24 2012 10:02 a.m. 4 DOCKET NUMBER K. Lington VS. 5 Clerk of Supreme Court E.K. McDANIEL, WARDEN, 6 **ELY STATE PRISON** 7 Respondent. 8 9 **APPELLANT'S APPENDIX, VOLUME XIV** 10 ROCHELLE T. NGYUYEN, ESQ. Clark County District Attorney 11 **NGUYEN & LAY** Regional Justice Center Nevada Bar Identification No. 8205 200 Lewis Avenue, Third Floor 12 324 South Third Street P.O. Box 552511 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-2211 13 (702) 383-3200 14 **CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO** 15 Nevada Bar Identification No. 3926 Nevada Attorney General 16 100 North Carson Street 17 Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717 (702) 687-3538 18 Attorney for Appellant Attorney for Respondent 19 ALFRED P. CENTOFANTI III E.K. McDANIEL, WARDEN **NEVADA STATE PRISON** 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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E.K. McDANIEL, WARDEN, ELY STATE PRISON,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 01C172534 DEPT NO. 6



MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW, CARMINE J. COLUCCI, of the law firm of CARMINE J. COLUCCI, CHTD., and moves this Honorable Court for its Order allowing him to withdraw as Attorney of Record for the above-named Petitioner, ALFRED P. CENTOFANTI, III, and for appointment of counsel.

This motion is made and based upon the Affidavit of CARMINE J. COLUCCI, and the papers and pleadings on file herein.

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day of May, 2011. DATED this / 1 CARMINE J. COLUCCI, CHTD. 2 3 Nevada Bar∖No. Ø881 5 629 South Sixth/Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 6 NOTICE OF MOTION 7 TO: THE STATE OF NEVADA; Respondent; TO: DAVID ROGER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, its Attorney and TO: ALFRED P. CENTOFANTI, Petitioner. 10 YOU AND EACH OF YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned 11 will bring the above and foregoing MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF 12 RECORD on for hearing before this Court at the Courtroom of the above-entitled 13 Court on the day of May, 2011, at the hour of $\frac{1}{3}$ a.m. of said day, or as 14 soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard. 15 _day of May, 2011. 16 CARMINE J. COLUCÇI, CHTD. 17 18 CARMINE J. QOLUCCI, ESÇ 19 Nevada Bar Nd. 0881 629 South Sixth Street 20 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 21 **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES** 22 This Court has the discretion to allow counsel to withdraw. Eighth Judicial 23 District Court Rule 7.40(b) provides in pertinent part as follows: 24 (b) Counsel in any case may be changed only: 25

(2) When no attorney has been retained to replace the attorney withdrawing, by order of the court, granted upon written motion,

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(i) If the application is made by the attorney, the attorney must include in an affidavit the address, or last known address, at which 2 the client may be served with notice of further proceedings taken in the case in the event the application for withdrawal is granted, and 3 the telephone number, or last known telephone number, at which the client may be reached and the attorney must serve a copy of the application upon the client and all other parties to the action or their attorneys, 5 6 Pursuant to EDCR 7.40 and based upon the Affidavit of Carmine J. Colucci 7 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Carmine J. Colucci, Esq., 8 respectfully requests that he be allowed to withdraw as counsel of record for 9 petitioner herein and that substitute counsel be appointed to represent petitioner 10 in any further proceeding 11 day of May, 2011. DATED this // 12 CARMINE J. COLUÇCI: CHTD. 13 14 CARMINE J. COLUCCI, ESO. Nevada Bar\No./0881 15 629 South Sixth Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 16 Attorney for Petitioner 17 AFFIDAVIT OF CARMINE J. COLUCCI 18 STATE OF NEVADA SS: 19 COUNTY OF CLARK 20 CARMINE J. COLUCCI, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and 21 says: 22 1. That Affiant is an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of 23 Nevada; that he is the attorney of record for Petitioner, ALFRED P. CENTOFANTI, 24 III, and that he has personal knowledge of the matters stated herein in this 25 Affidavit, except for those matters stated on information belief, and is competent 26

to testify thereon.

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CENTOFANTI III, in his direct appeal.

That Affiant was appellate counsel for petitioner, ALFRED P.

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- That Affiant was counsel for petitioner, ALFRED P. CENTOFANTI, III, on his Writ of Habeas Corpus and at the evidentiary hearing which was conducted on July 30, 2010.
- 4. That on May 9, 2011, an Order Denying Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus was filed.
- 5. That Affiant has forwarded a letter to petitioner with a copy of this Court's Order Denying Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and a copy of this motion.
- 6. That Affiant requests this Court to allow him to withdraw as Attorney of Record in the above-entitled action in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest in the event that petitioner seeks to question the effectiveness of affiant's representation.
- 7. That Affiant requests that this Court appoint new counsel for the petitioner for any further proceedings that petitioner chooses to pursue.
- 8. That Affiant is informed and believes that petitioner may be served with notice of further proceedings at:

Alfred P. Centofanti, III #85237 P.O. Box 650 Indian Springs, NV 89070

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AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

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7	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK
8	THE STATE OF NEVADA
9	Plaintiff
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ALFRED CENTOFANTI # 85237 Defendant/ In Propria Personam Post Office Box 650 [HDSP] 2 Indian Springs, Nevada 89018 3 4 5 **DISTRICT COURT** 6 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 7 THE STATE OF NEVADA 8 9 Plaintiff. Case No. C-172534 10 VS. ALFRED CENTOFANTI 11 Dept. No. Defendant. 12 Docket 13 PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION, WITHDRAWAL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATIVE 14 COUNSEL, STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER RELIEF 15 16 17 18 Alfred Centofanti COMES NOW, Petitioner 19 _, herein above respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order Granting his MOtion for Reconsideration, 20 Withdrawal and Appointment of Alternative Counsel, Stay of Proceedings and Other 21 Relief, telephonically, on an Order Shortening Time. 22 This Motion is made and based upon the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities. 23 24 DATED: this / 2 day of May 20 11 25 26 27 Defendant/In Propria Personam 28

I. INTRODUCTION 1 Petitioner is filing this Motion for Reconsideration based upon his review 2 of the Court's May 9, 2011 Order Denying Denying his Petition for Writ of Habeas The basis for the reconsideration is based upon the failure of the Cour to properly apply the law and the facts per the Strickland standard, the failure 5 to consider controlling U.S. Supreme Court law on other issues, and the appoint-6 ment of counsel to assist Petitioner who had an actual and unwaivable conflict. 7 Petitioner is therefore asking the Court to appoint him alternative counsel, to Amend his Petition, and to stay the proceedings until the Motion to Appoint 9 Counsel is ruled upon, and to have this matter heard telephonically on an Order 10 Shortening Time. 11 12 II. STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS 13 On or about February 29, 2008, Petitioner filed his Petition for Writ of 14 Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction). 15 On or about 2009 Or 2010 this Court appointed attorney Carmine Colucci to 16 represent Petitioner to assist him in discovery and the prosecution of the Writ 17 On July 30, 2010 this Court held an evidentiary hearing. 18 On September 24, 2010, this Court allowed the parties to present closing 19 arguments through counsel. 20 On May 9, 2011, this Court issued it's Order Denying the Petition for Writ 21 of Habeas Corpus. 22 23 III. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND ARGUMENT 24 Motion for Reconsideration 25 Eighth Judicial District Court Local Rule 2.24 provides, as follows: 26 A party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court, other than any order which may be addressed by motion pursuant to NRCP 50(b), 27

1	52(b), 59 or 60, must file a motion for such relief within 10 days			
2	time is shortened and I the order or judgment unless the			
3	See, also District Court Rule 13(7)(Rehearing by leave of court only upon			
4	a noticed motion). While the District Court and Local Rules are silent as to t			
5	basis for a Motion of Reconsideration, the Court should look to the NRAP which			
6	provide that a Motion for Reconsideration under Rule 40 may be considered:			
7	(i) When the court has overlooked or missened at			
8	question of law in the case			
9	(ii) When the court has overlooked, misapplied or failed to consider a statute, procedural rule, regulation or decision directly controlling a dispositive issue in the case.			
10	a dispositive issue in the case.			
11	Here, this Court should grant Petitioner's Motion for Reconsideration based			
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13	1. The failure of the Court to consider the controlling United States			
14	Supreme Court case law with regards to the following issues:			
15	A. The disqualification of Dan Albreghts			
16	The United States Supreme Court in the case of United States v. Conzales-			
17	Lopez stated unequivocably that the erroneous disqualification of a defendent's			
18	counsel of choice is a structural error that requires reversal of conviction			
19	regardless of the efftiveness of alternative counsel. See, citations and case			
20	law in Ground One of the Petition and Points and Authorities.			
21	Petitioner provided the Court the factual and legal basis to consider this			
22	issue in his Petition, and the fact of the erromeous disqualification was never			
23	disputed or refuted by the State at the evidentiary hearing.			
24	Therefore, it was an error by the Court in contradiction to Petitioner's			
25	6th Amendment Rights to the U.S. Constitution to Counsel, and Due Process under			
26	the 5th and 14th Amendments, and the Court's holding in Gonzales-Lopez to not			
27	have considered and granted Petitioner relief on this issue.			
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See, Petition P&A's at pp. 15-30, Petitioner's Reply and U.S. v. Gonzales-1 Lopes, 126 S.Ct. 2557 (2006). 2 The Issue of the Unconstitutional Canvass re: Self-Defense. 3 The Court incorrectly claimed at Page 3 of the Order denying the Writ that the matter of the canvass was not raised in the instant petition the fact that 5 it was not included in the appeal. The issue of this being plain error and it being reversible error was addressed in the Petition P&A's at pages 30-33 and 7 was specifically addressed at the evidentiary hearing of this matter (believed 8 to be during the July 30, 2010 hearing). Petitioner is informed and believes 9 (since he is still awaiting the complete record of the proceedings from counsel) 10 that the Court addressed the issue of the failure to raise on appeal with counse 11 directly on the record, but did not chose to address if the Court was to apply 12 the plain efror and reversible error U.S. Supreme Court cases cited to in the 13 briefs (both the Petition and Reply). 14 It was error for this Court not to address this issue as plain error as it 15 resulted in the issue not being decided on the merits but simply on IAC claims. 16 Factually, there is no indication the Court considered the subsequent requests 17 for a canvass (in 2004 vs. 2001) and the IAC regarding the failure to object to 18 While the Court did inquire and seemed concerned that counsel had the 19 Petitioner admit being the alleged shooter in a situation where Petitioner 20 steadyfast maintained he did not recall the event, but counsel failed to reveal 21 the forensic evidence or lack thereof tying Petitioner to having been the shootet 22 that being the absolute lack of blood on Petitioner and his clothing and person 23 (which absolutely contradicted the State's theory of the case and shooting) and 24 no testing of Petitioner's hands for the presence of gunpowder residue. 25 A decision to have Petitioner admit his involvement as the alleged shooter 26 was ineffective, a plain errop and should have resulted in a new trial. 27 Page __

The Issue of Appointing Counsel with a conflict of interest. 1 One of the issues that arose at the hearing (July?) was the failure of 2 counsel to have raised the canvass issue on direct appeal. The Court specifical 3 addressed counsel regarding the failure. This was an issue not unknown to the Court prior to the appointment of counsel to represent Petitioner. It was clear! part of the record that the issue was not raised on direct appeal and was made 6 an issue as a self-standing claim in the Petition (Issue Two, pages 30-43 and in the Reply). 8 At the point the Court realized the conflict between Petitioner and his 9 court appointed counsel, it was an error for the Court under U.S. v. Gonzales-10 Lopez, supra, not to have appointed Petitioner alternative counsel, no matter the 11 point the conflict arose. In Gonzales-Lopez, the U.S. Supreme Court stated that 12 while one does not have the right to counsel of choice when counsel is appointed 13 they still retain the right to conflict-free counsel. 14 The prejudice from this error is apparent and plain from the record. 15 failed to present all of the available evidence in the form of deposition testi-16 mony and other discovery on this issue, see Section B, supra. Petiitoner should 17 be appointed alternative counsel and be allowed to file an Amended Petition 18 and conduct limited discovery on this issue as there was not an "off the record 19 discussion in chambers" regarding this and the canvassing of both counsel and 20 the Petitioner during the evidentiary hearing created an unwaivable and actual 21 conflict as Petitioner was under the belief that the issue was not waived as is 22 reflected in the record. 23 The handling of this issue violated Petitioner's rights under the 5th, 6th 24 and 14th Amendments (Due Process, Remain Silent, Right to Counsel and others) 25 and it was an error for the Court to not properly address the situation as 26 outlined above. 27 Page $\frac{5}{}$ 23

The Court erred in relying on the Order of Affirmance. 1 This Court denied the Writ citing extensively to the Nevada Supreme Court's 2 2006 Order of Affirmance. The error in doing this is that the U.S. Supreme Court 3 has issued two decisions which greatly impact the correctness of the NSC's opinion 4 1. United States v. Gonzales-Lopez 5 As stated above, and incorporated by this reference, the disqualification of 6 counsel opinion by the U.S. Supreme Court was not issued until after the matter was submitted but before the remittitur. Therefore, this issue, which is not 8 dependent at all on the strength of the case against a defendant since it involves structural error was not considered by this court either as an independent ground 10 (Ground One) or as part of the IAC claims (Ground Six) and therefore the failure 11 to properly apply Gonzales-Lopez is in error and should be reconsidered. 12 Giles v. California, 128 S.Ct. 2678 (2008) 13 While Crawford v. Washington came out just before trial commenced in 2004, 14 and was commented upon in the Order of Affirmance, the failure of this Court to 15 consider Giles v. California and its impact on the hearsay used to convict the 16 Petitioner was error. At the September 24, 2010 hearing counsel asked the Court 17 to review the Giles opinion in response to the claims of the weight of the allege 18 evidence against <u>Petitioner. The fact pattern in Giles is eerily similar to w</u>hat 19 is alleged to have occurred in the instant matter. In Sum, police and others 20 were allowed to testify as to statements made to them in response to a domestic 21 <u>violence incident occurring weeks prior to Giles stabbing to death his estranged</u> 22 girlfriend. In reversing the decision of the California Supreme Court, the U.S. 23 Supreme Court stated unequivocably that the admission of these statements, the 24 same statements allowed at trial and ruled to be harmless were not ruled harmless 25 by the U.S. supreme court in interpreting Crawford. Since this is not a new 26 rule of law but simply interpreting same, it should have been seed by this Court 27

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1	n making a determination based upon the facts and evidence presented to it in				
2	the pleadings, records, hearing and other documents as viewed through Giles and				
3	not rely upon the outdated and incorrect analysis of the NSC.				
4	3. There was not overwhelming evidence to support the conviction.				
5	This court erred in finding that there was overwhelming evidence as was				
6	presented to it to justify the affirmance of the conviction. Factually, as state				
7	previously and part of the record, there was no blood found on the person and cl				
8	othes of Petitioner consistent wiht the state's theory of the case. There are				
9	no witnesses to the allged incident. The majority of the evidence involved matte				
10	that were hearsay and should have not been allowed or the product of IAC.				
11	The main pieces of evidecne as against Petitioner were the canvass (supra),				
12	the defendant's own expert, discussed below, and Petitioner's testimony.				
13	The canvass provided the state with an improper and unconstitutional glimps				
14	into the defense before trial which lessened the burden of prosecution, supra.				
15	What the Court did not discuss in its Denial was the role of Dr. Eisel had				
16	in the state's case. In the Motion for New Trial, part of the AA, and reviewed				
17	by this Court in connection with reaching its decision was the following:				
18	Josh Wheeler inverview of June 21, 2004				
19	A. The defense? The Worst? Claiming self defense.				
20	The defense expert didn't prove that it was sell defense in any way;				
21	in the bar would have been better off not going up there.				
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23	know about this thing happening when they came to the state.				
24	(115 10, 15, 4114 25,				
25	Alan Miller interview of May 15, 2004				
26	A. The defense attorney didn't seem like he did				
2	anything to tryu to change your mind, or to prove they were wrong and he was right.				
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1	Q. Best and worst for the defense? A. [Their] so called experts were not very helpful to them.				
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3	A.]It[went more along with helping the prosecution than it did the defense.				
4	A. I would have thought the defense attorney would have been more prepared he was the one who wasn't prepared.				
_	A. It came up in deliberations that everyone though the defendant was lying.				
5	A. The prosecutions witness of the plastic surgeon from San Diego.				
6	A. So that kind of threw everything out the window for him (defendant) A. Jury instruction 0- discount entire testimony because he lied.				
7	(Id. at pps 6,8, 9, 12,,and 13).				
8	These interviews, not used to impeach the verdict but to show the extent of				
9	the seriousness of the failures of counsel and his presentation of the case, show				
10	the Court unreasonably applied the facts of the issues implicated (use of self				
11	defense, experts, preparation and testimony of Petitioner) in denying the writ				
12	and should be reconsidered. If the Supreme Court considered the affidavits of				
13	the Europe they are preparly before this court to consider as well, and on the				
14	issues not presented to the NSC (IAC).				
15	4. The Court erred in not making a factual and legal finding re:experts.				
16	The court chose only to address the issue of Lt. Franks but did nothing to				
17	address the issue of Dr. Eisel. As Petitioner's own expert testified it was				
18	hoth TAC and projudicial to proceed to trial on self defense after your forensic				
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20	and sounds the sele defence you proported at trial				
2	In addition, the count migroprobanded the facts and law as to how the failure				
2	to prepare and advise the defendant of the expderts opinions (or in the case of				
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2	a non-existent defense. In light of the impact this had on the trial and the				
2	jury it cannot be said under Strickland not to be prejudicall and not to have				
20	effected the outcome of the trial. Simply making an unsupported argument in				
2	closing to lesser included offenses does not render counsel effective.				
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1	B. Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel and Appointment of Alternative Counsel				
2	Petitioner is not waiving the additional issues in the Petition (such as				
3	the4 Court not ruling on Ground 3-5 and 7 on the merits) but is simply out of				
4	time to do so. Petitioner requests the appointment of counsel pursuant to				
5	MPS 3/ 750 to assist him in these proceedings and on appeal. The issue that a				
6	presented are complex and the resources available to Petitioner scant, and				
	to the length of sentence Petitioner is tacing the appointment of counsel to				
7	assist him is warranted in this case.				
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9	C. This matter should be heard on an Order Shortening Time				
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11	8th Judicial District Court Rule 10 provides that a matter be heard on an				
12	Order Shortening Time "upon five (5) days notice to all parties and to the judge who shall set the motions for early hearing and upon a showing of good				
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14	cause." Here, Petitioner is requesting this matter be heard on an Order				
15	Shortening Time in Order that the Court can retain jurisdiction to hear this				
16	within the 30 days Petitioner has to file the Notice of Appeal and so that these				
17	issues can be heard on the merits.				
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19	D. Request to Have this Matter Heard Telephonically and Stay				
20	Finally, Petitioner requests that this matter be stayed pending the Court				
21	ruling on the request to appoint alternative counsel and other issues and asks				
22	this matter be heard telephonically or if the appointment of counsel is granted				
23	without the Potitioner's physuical presence at the hearing signe the prison is				
24	well equipped for a telephonic appearance and it is in the supreme court rules				
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III. CO	ONCLUSION AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF
The	erefore, based upon the foregoing, Petitioner respectfully requests th
Court is	ssue an Order:
1.	Granting his Motion for Reconsideration, Appointment of Counsel, Stand Telephonic Appearance;
2.	Granting his Request that this matter be heard on an Order Shortening Time; and
3.	Any further and other relief the Court deems appropriate under the fand circumstances of this case.
Res	specffully Submitted,
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AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding
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(State specific law)
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Alfred Centofanti # 85237
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17	WITHDRAWAL AND APPOINTME	NT OF ALTERN	ATIVE COUNSEL,	
18	AND STAY OF F	PROCEEDINGS		
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20	COMES NOW, the State of Nevada, by	y DAVID ROGER	, District Attorney, through	
21	JAMES R. SWEETIN, Chief Deputy Distric	t Attorney, and he	ereby submits the attached	
22	Points and Authorities in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration,			
23	Withdrawal and Appointment of Alternative Counsel, and Stay of Proceedings.			
24	This Opposition is made and based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein,			
25	the attached points and authorities in support hereof, and oral argument at the time of			
26	hearing, if deemed necessary by this Honorable Court.			
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POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On January 9, 2001, a grand jury returned a true bill of indictment charging Defendant Alfred P. Centofanti, III (Defendant) with Murder with Use of a Deadly Weapon (Open Murder) (Felony – NRS 200.010, 200.030, 193.165). On March 15, 2004, Defendant proceeded to trial, and, on April 16, 2004, his jury returned a verdict finding him guilty of Murder with Use of a Deadly Weapon. On April 23, 2004, Defendant and the State filed a stipulation waiving the penalty phase of Defendant's trial. On June 28, 2004, Defendant moved for a new trial, which the State opposed on August 10, 2004. The Court denied that motion on August 26, 2004. In response to the Court's decision, Defendant filed a Writ of Mandamus/Prohibition with the Nevada Supreme Court, which, on September 8, 2004, issued an Order Directing Answer and Granting Temporary Stay. On January 31, 2005, the Nevada Supreme Court denied Defendant's petition. On February 16, 2005, Defendant filed a Motion for Rehearing and Request for Stay Pending Decision, which was also denied. On March 4, 2005, the Court sentenced Defendant to Life in the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) without the possibility of parole, plus an equal and consecutive term of Life without the possibility of parole for the deadly weapon enhancement. The Court filed its Judgment of Conviction on March 11, 2005.

Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal on March 24, 2005. On December 27, 2006, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed Defendant's conviction, with remittitur issuing on March 27, 2007. On February 29, 2008, Defendant filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction). On April 8, 2008, the State filed its opposition to the petition. At a December 2, 2009 hearing, the Court denied all claims except for Defendant's allegation of ineffective assistance of counsel. On January 8, 2010, Defendant filed a motion seeking leave to conduct discovery. On January 20, 2010, the Court granted Defendant leave to conduct a deposition of his former trial counsel, Mr. Allen Bloom, Esq. At an April 28, 2010 status check, Defendant's counsel, Mr. Carmine Colucci, Esq. indicated to the Court that Mr. Bloom's deposition had been completed.

On July 30, 2010, the Court held an evidentiary hearing at which Defendant, Defendant's expert witness, one of Defendant's former trial attorneys, and other witnesses testified. The Court continued the matter for argument on the petition so that it could review the extensive deposition transcript of Mr. Bloom. The Court heard argument at a September 24, 2010 hearing and then took the matter under advisement. On May 9, 2011, the Court entered its written order denying Defendant's petition. On May 10, 2011, Mr. Colucci filed a motion to withdraw as counsel, which the Court heard on May 23, 2011. On May 19, 2011, Defendant filed a Notice of Non-Opposition to Mr. Colucci's Motion to Withdraw and a "Motion to Consolidate All Pending Motions and Matters for May 23, 2011 Telephonically and on an Order Shortening Time." The State's appellate unit never received a copy of this latter motion although it appears to have been validly served. Also on May 19, 2011, Defendant filed the instant Motion for Reconsideration, Withdrawal and Appointment of Alternative Counsel, Stay of Proceedings, and Other Relief. The State's opposition follows.

I. DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION IS NOT COGNIZABLE

Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration is not properly before the Court and should be denied. The Eighth Judicial District Court Rules (EDCR) provide that "[n]o motion once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court granted upon motion therefore, after such notice of such motion to the adverse parties." EJDCR 2.24(a). Defendant failed to obtain leave of the court to file this motion, therefore, his motion should be denied.

II. DEFENDANT IS NOT ENTITLED TO RECONSIDERATION

Defendant is not entitled to reconsideration because he fails to demonstrate that, in denying his habeas petition, the Court overlooked a material issue of fact or law. See Nevada Rule of Appellate Procedure 40(a). Defendant alleges the following Court errors as a basis for reconsideration: (1) the Court failed to apply Gonzalez-Lopez, 548 U.S. 140, 126 S.Ct. 2557 (2006), and determine disqualification of his prior attorney, Mr. Daniel Albregts, Esq., was a structural error entitling him to a new trial; (2) the Court erroneously concluded the

petition did not allege ineffective assistance of appellate counsel based on a failure to challenge the self-defense canvas; (3) there was a conflict inherent in Mr. Colucci representing Defendant on post-conviction because Mr. Colucci could not litigate his own appellate ineffectiveness in failing to raise the inadequate self-defense canvas, thus the Court erred by failing to sua sponte appoint alternate counsel; (4) the Court erred in determining there was overwhelming evidence of Defendant's guilt; (5) the Court erred in failing to apply U.S. v. Gonzalez-Lopez, 548 U.S. 140, 126 S.Ct. 2557 (2006), and Giles v. California, 554 U.S. 353, 128 S.Ct. 2678 (2008), and instead relying on the Nevada Supreme Court's direct appeal order affirming Defendant's conviction; (6) the Court erred by failing to render findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding Defendant's claims relating to expert witness Dr. Eisel. Defendant clearly fails to appreciate the distinction between an opening brief on direct appeal and a motion for reconsideration. All six of Defendant's bases for reconsideration fail to demonstrate the Court overlooked any material issue of fact or law.

Defendant claims that the Court committed an error in deciding that he failed to allege ineffective assistance of appellate counsel relating to the allegedly defective self-defense canvas. He points to the petition's supporting memorandum of points and authorities at pages 30-33. Defendant fails to comprehend the distinction between claims proper for direct appeal and claims cognizable on post-conviction. As the Court has already noted in its order denying Defendant's petition, the petition is utterly devoid of an allegation that appellate counsel was ineffective in failing to raise as a ground of appeal the self-defense canvas. Order Denying Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, 05/09/11, 3:21-22. Defendant wrongly believes he is entitled to have the Court conduct appellate review on the issue for the first time. See NRS 34.810(1)(b)(2).

Next, in faulting the Court for not applying <u>Gonzalez-Lopez</u>, Defendant overlooks that the Court did not deny this claim based on a harmless error or <u>Strickland</u> prejudice analysis. Rather, the Court found: (1) the record belied any claim of ineffective assistance of trial counsel because Defendant's attorney objected at trial to the canvassing process; and (2) to the extent, Defendant sought to assert an error by the district court, that claim was not

cognizable on post-conviction because it should have been raised on direct appeal, and Defendant's habeas petition did not allege ineffectiveness of appellate counsel in failing to pursue the issue on appeal. Order Denying Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, 05/09/11, 3:13-22. Thus, <u>Gonzalez-Lopez</u>'s application of structural error analysis to choice-of-counsel claims was irrelevant to the proceedings.

Defendant faults the Court for failing to <u>sua sponte</u> disqualify Mr. Colucci as counsel due to an apparent conflict of interest. Defendant is conveniently forgetting the Court's inquiry during the evidentiary hearing as to whether he had discussed potential conflicts of interest relating to Mr. Colucci's representation of him on direct appeal. Defendant will recall he responded affirmatively and assured the Court he was waiving any potential conflicts:

The Court: Did you discuss with Mr. Colucci potential conflicts of interest he might have as having been your counsel on your direct appeal?

The Defendant: Yes.

The Court: And you – did you agree to waive those conflicts after having that discussion?

The Defendant: Yes.

The Court: Okay. All right.

Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing, 07/30/10 (EHT 07/30/10), 163:16-22.

Thus, Defendant can hardly claim the Court overlooked the fact of a conflict in representation when Defendant affirmatively waived any conflicts. Further, Defendant's use of <u>Gonzalez-Lopez</u> as a purported supporting authority is truly specious. At one point he claims the case as demonstrating a structural error because he was denied his choice of Mr. Albregts as a trial attorney, but out of the other side of his mouth, he invokes it for the diametrically opposed proposition that the Court should have overridden his express waiver of a conflict of interest and disqualified his post-conviction counsel. There is no supporting authority in <u>Gonzalez-Lopez</u>—or any other case—for the proposition that a defendant has a constitutional right to have his post-conviction counsel scrutinized for conflicts of interest

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and replaced sua sponte. Indeed, Defendant will discover he is not entitled to conflict-free or effective post-conviction counsel. See Bonin v. Calderon, 77 F.3d 1155, 1159 (9th Cir. 1996).

Defendant next claims he is entitled to reconsideration based on the Court overlooking Giles v. California. This claim fails initially because the record indicates the Court agreed to consider Giles while the petition was under advisement. Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, 09/24/10, 37:9-16. Thus, there is no basis for Defendant to assume the Court overlooked Giles. Additionally, Defendant is obviously unaware that Giles does not apply retroactively to him. Ponce v. Felker, 606 F.3d 596, 604 (9th Cir. 2010) ("If Crawford was not a watershed rule, then Giles cannot have been one either. We hold that Giles does not apply retroactively to state court convictions that became final before the Supreme Court issued Giles."), cert. denied, 131 S.Ct. 521 (2010). Remittitur in his direct appeal issued on March 27, 2007, which rendered his conviction final approximately fifteen months prior to Giles being decided. Thus, although the Court went out of its way to consider Mr. Colucci's proffer of the case, it has no bearing on Defendant's entitlement to post-conviction relief.

The residue of Defendant's asserted grounds for reconsideration clearly constitute appellate claims of error. They do not fall within the narrow substantive contours of a motion for reconsideration.

DEFENDANT IS NOT ENTITLED TO APPOINTED COUNSEL III.

Under the U.S. Constitution, the Sixth Amendment provides no right to counsel in post-conviction proceedings. Coleman v. Thompson, 501 U.S. 722, 111 S. Ct. 2546 (1991). In McKague v. Warden, 112 Nev. 159, 912 P.2d 255 (1996), the Nevada Supreme Court similarly observed that "[t]he Nevada Constitution...does not guarantee a right to counsel in post-conviction proceedings, as we interpret the Nevada Constitution's right to counsel provision as being coextensive with the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution." McKague specifically held that with the exception of NRS 34.820(1)(a) (entitling appointed counsel when petitioner is under a sentence of death), one does not have

"[a]ny constitutional or statutory right to counsel at all" in post-conviction proceedings. <u>Id</u>. at 164, 912 P.2d at 258.

However, the Nevada Legislature has given courts the discretion to appoint post-conviction counsel so long as "the court is satisfied that the allegation of indigency is true and the petition is not dismissed summarily." NRS 34.750. NRS 34.750 reads:

A petition may allege that the Defendant is unable to pay the costs of the proceedings or employ counsel. If the court is satisfied that the allegation of indigency is true and the petition is not dismissed summarily, the court may appoint counsel at the time the court orders the filing of an answer and a return. In making its determination, the court may consider whether:

- (a) The issues are difficult;
- (b) The Defendant is unable to comprehend the proceedings; or
- (c) Counsel is necessary to proceed with discovery.

(emphasis added).

Under NRS 34.750, it is clear that the court has discretion in determining whether to appoint counsel. To have an attorney appointed the defendant "must show that the requested review is not frivolous." Peterson v. Warden, Nevada State Prison, 87 Nev. 134, 483 P.2d 204 (1971) (citing former statute NRS 177.345(2)).

The State takes no position as to whether Mr. Colucci should be granted leave to withdraw. Defendant is not, however, entitled to appointed counsel. As the Court has already noted, Defendant cannot demonstrate any entitlement to post-conviction relief and he fails in his motion to identify even a colorable claim of appellate error. Moreover, as a former attorney now disbarred, Defendant can hardly claim to not understand these proceedings.

IV. APPELLANT IS NOT ENTITLED TO APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY OR BE GRANTED A STAY

In his companion motion to consolidate, Defendant notes that "[a]s much as Petitioner would like to be woken up at 3:00 AM and spend the entire day in a jump suit and restraints, among other things...," he would like this matter to be heard in chambers telephonically. With the exception of his written pleadings, he has no right to appear for or participate in the

1	hearing. A Defendant is entitled to be present for an evidentiary hearing on a petition where
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3	(2002). Defendant's petition has already been denied and there is no need to expand the
4	record further. Defendant only seeks to be present for hearing so he can harangue the Court
5	with inappropriate arguments and inapposite legal citations. To the extent Defendant asserts
6	a conclusory claim for a stay, that request should also be denied.
7	CONCLUSION
8	Based upon the foregoing, the State respectfully requests that this Honorable Court
9	DENY Motion for Reconsideration, Withdrawal and Appointment of Alternative Counsel,
10	and Stay of Proceedings.
11	DATED this 25th day of May, 2011.
12	Respectfully submitted,
13	DAVID ROGER
14	Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar #002781
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16	BY /s/ JAMES R. SWEETIN
17	JAMES R. SWEETIN Chief Deputy District Attorney Nevada Bar #005144
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25	e-mail: cjc@lvcoxmail.com
26	/s/ HOWARD CONRAD
27	Secretary for the District Attorney's Office
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ALFRED CENTOFANTI III,

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ORDER

The Motion to Withdraw as Attorney of Record for Petitioner, ALFRED CENTOFANTI III, having come on regularly for hearing before the above-entitled Court on the 23rd day of May, 2011, Catherine L. Nelson, Esq., of the law firm of Carmine J. Colucci, Chtd., appearing, the petitioner not present and the State being represented by a representative of the District Attorney's Office and no

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objection having been filed to said motion, and the Court having reviewed all the papers and pleadings on file herein and the Court being fully advised in the premises, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that counsel's Motion to Withdraw of Record as Attorney of Record is hereby granted. DATED this day of May, 2011. DISTRICT JUDGE CARMINE J. COLUCCI, CHTD. Nevada Bar No 629 South Sixth Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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Petitioner's Supplemental Points and Authorities

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF **DECISION AND ORDER**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 9, 2011, the court entered a decision or order in this matter, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this notice.

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Alfred P. Centofanti III,

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CASE NO.: C172534

DEPARTMENT 6

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

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ELISSA F. CADISH DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VI 27 28

Before the Court is Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, which was fully briefed by the parties. This is Defendant's first post-conviction petition. After arguments by counsel on December 2, 2009 and subsequent discovery proceedings, the Court held an evidentiary hearing on July 30, 2010, and heard closing arguments by the parties on September 24, 2010. In addition to the parties' briefs and the evidence and argument presented at these hearings, the Court has reviewed the extensive appendix and exhibits submitted by Defendant, as well as legal authorities pertinent to the decision herein. All claims other than ineffective assistance of counsel were previously dismissed by the Court. Defendant seeks to establish that his trial counsel, Allen Bloom, was ineffective, and that a new trial is mandated as a result. Under the Strickland test, Defendant must establish (1) that counsel's performance was deficient, and (2) that the deficient performance prejudiced the defense. Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984). The Court can consider these two elements in any order and need not consider both prongs if there is an insufficient showing on either one. In order to establish prejudice, Defendant "must show a

reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, the result of the trial would have been different." <u>Kirksey v. State</u>, 112 Nev. 980, 988, 923 P.2d 1102, 1107 (1997).

The Court hereby denies the petition because the Court does not find a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's alleged errors, the result of the trial would have been different. In this regard, on Defendant's direct appeal, the Nevada Supreme Court noted several times the strength of the State's case against Defendant. Order of Affirmance, filed December 27, 2006, at 4 ("in light of the strength of State's case against Centofanti, we consider any error harmless"), 5 ("the evidence against Centofanti was voluminous"), 8 ("Here we conclude that any exposure Juror Wheeler had to extrinsic information through the purported firearm experiment was minimal in the context of the trial as a whole, considering the overwhelming evidence supporting Centofanti's conviction"), and 10 n.25 ("We conclude that because of the evidence against Centofanti, his contention that cumulative error requires a new trial is without merit."). This Court agrees that the record reveals overwhelming evidence supporting Defendant's conviction. Thus, while Defendant has raised some issues regarding counsel's performance that give the Court pause, prejudice has not been established.

The Court will specifically address some of the more significant issues raised by the Defendant. First, Defendant asserts that counsel's performance was deficient in relying on a self-defense theory at the trial. While the Court agrees that it was very difficult to try to establish self-defense under the applicable legal standard in this case, counsel also argued that Defendant did not have the requisite state of mind for first degree murder and argued for second degree murder or manslaughter as well. Additionally, it is suggested a diminished

ELISSA F. CADISH DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VI capacity defense should have been pursued. However, trial counsel testified that a psychological evaluation had been obtained pre-trial but was not helpful, and it was a reasonable strategy not to present it, particularly since it would have likely opened up the Defendant to examination by the State through its psychologist. Moreover, as a practical matter, this type of defense would have also required Defendant to testify as he did in this trial. Most importantly, there is no showing of what evidence would have been relied on for this proposed defense that would have a probability of a different outcome. Similarly, with respect to allegations that counsel did not adequately investigate the case or gather records to support Defendant's testimony, there is no showing of what any such investigation would have revealed that would have been helpful.

The Court is concerned about the self-defense canvass at the hearing on March 12, 2004, where Defendant was required to acknowledge on the record in front of the State that he was the shooter in order to allow the presentation of self-defense at trial. However, counsel had previously objected to this process when it was raised the first time by the State, and noted an objection on the record at this hearing, after there had apparently been an off-the-record discussion about this matter in chambers. Accordingly, counsel was not ineffective in this regard but instead his objections were overruled. It should be noted that this matter was not raised on appeal, a matter that is not raised in the instant petition.

Next, Defendant complains about the fact counsel stated in the trial that he was going to call Lieutenant Steve Franks as an expert regarding officer-involved shootings to help explain Defendant's shooting in this case, but then did not have him testify. Counsel told the Court in the jury's presence that Franks had been subpoenaed, but his wife had become very

ill with cancer and, particularly since some of this area had been covered with other witnesses, he would not be trying to enforce the subpoena and would thus not be presenting Franks as a witness. Counsel had discussed Franks' anticipated testimony in his opening statement, and this discussion regarding the reasons for not calling him took place in front of the jury on April 14, 2004 before Defendant rested. While testimony at this Court's evidentiary hearing indicated counsel had never spoken to Franks and never served a subpoena on him, counsel's investigator had had general conversations with Franks relating to the case. The Court is concerned about the misleading statements made to the Court and the jury, but there is no showing of prejudice from failing to have him testify or from mentioning his anticipated testimony in the opening.

Finally, an issue is raised regarding the fact Defendant testified at trial that he had been told by the victim's plastic surgeon, Dr. Sessions, that the victim had a hole in her nose septum from drug use. At a pretrial hearing, the State objected to this anticipated testimony because there had been no medical records showing this nose condition. At the hearing, counsel represented that he had received Dr. Sessions' records, and that the records did show a perforated septum. Based on this representation as an officer of the Court, the Court said he would allow the Defendant's testimony in this regard since there was a basis for the allegation. Transcript of Hearing of March 12, 2004, at 19. After Defendant testified to this matter at trial, and was vigorously cross-examined about it, the State brought Dr. Sessions to testify in rebuttal. He testified that there was no hole in the victim's nose and that he had never told Defendant any such thing. No records were used by Defendant's counsel to cross-examine Dr. Sessions nor were they ever put in evidence. Indeed, the records are still not

before this Court, and they apparently were not in trial counsel's file that was turned over to his current counsel. Additionally, trial counsel apparently never tried to speak to Dr. Sessions regarding these matters in advance of trial. This issue was argued by the State in closing as showing a lack of credibility on the part of the Defendant. However, Defendant still insists that the conversation with Dr. Sessions did take place, but asserts counsel should have prepared him for Dr. Sessions' contrary belief. Again, these misleading statements by counsel regarding corroboration in the medical records are of great concern to the Court. However, the statements by counsel regarding having the records were not made before the jury, and Defendant's credibility was weak even absent this particular dispute. Given the overwhelming evidence in this case, this Court does not find a probability that the result would have been different if not for this issue.

The Court has reviewed all other arguments presented by Defendant and similarly finds that the required prejudice has not been demonstrated. Accordingly, the Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is denied, and his conviction stands.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2011

ELISSA F. CADISH, DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date filed, I electronically served, mailed to the following proper persons, or placed a copy of this order in the attorney's folder in the Clerk's Office as follows:

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THE STATE OF NEVADA,

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ALFRED P. CENTOFANTI, III,

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Defendant.



Case No. Dept No. C172534 VΙ

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION AND OTHER RELIEF and DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL AND APPOINTMENTOF ALTERNATIVE COUNSEL, STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER RELIEF

DATE OF HEARING: JUNE 1, 2011 TIME OF HEARING: 8:30 A.M.

THIS MATTER having come on for hearing before the above entitled Court on the 1ST day of June, 2011, the Defendant not being present, IN PROPER PERSON, the Plaintiff being represented by DAVID ROGER, District Attorney, through ROBERT STEPHENS, Deputy District Attorney, and the Court having heard the arguments of counsel and good cause appearing therefor,

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1	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
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3	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
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