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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DIPAK KANTILAL DESAI)	
Appellant,)	Supreme Court No. 64591
)	
vs.)	
)	
THE STATE OF NEVADA,)	
Respondent)	
)	
<hr/> RONALD ERNEST LAKEMAN)	
Appellant,)	Supreme Court No. 64609
)	
vs.)	
)	
THE STATE OF NEVADA,)	
Respondent)	
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**JOINT MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE APPEALS AND TO
REMOVE APPEAL NO. 64609 FROM THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM**

Appellant Dipak Kantilal Desai, by and through counsel, Franny A. Forsman, and Appellant Ronald Ernest Lakeman, by and through counsel, Frederick A. Santrocroce, Esq. jointly move the court to consolidate the above-titled appeals for all further proceedings.

This appeal arises from convictions in a high-profile and complex criminal prosecution of appellants for criminal offenses arising out of medical procedures. The evidence adduced in the case was voluminous and the case consumed over 46 days in trial before a jury and numerous pretrial and in-trial hearings, including several pre-trial extraordinary writs to this court. Appellants were joined for trial.

Because Appellant Desai received a life sentence, Appeal No. 64591 is not subject to the Fast Track process provided by NRAP 3C. However, Appeal No. 64609 is subject to the Fast Track process. While Appellants intend to raise some issues separately, it is expected that a number of the issues which arose during trial will be raised by both appellants and could be presented in a joint brief.

The record in this case is voluminous and the transcript is lengthy. In the interest of cost to the parties and judicial economy, consolidation will permit the parties to use one transcript to prepare the briefs and the court will not be burdened with duplicative records.

NRAP 3(b)(2) permits this court to consolidate timely appeals.

Consolidation of these appeals and removal of Appellant Lakeman's appeal from the Fast Track program will enhance the quality of the presentation of the issues, be cost efficient and in the interest of judicial economy.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2014.

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