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VS.

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Defendant(s),

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Dept No: XII

#### **CASE APPEAL STATEMENT**

1. Appellant(s): Bennett G. Grimes

2. Judge: Michelle Leavitt

3. Appellant(s): Bennett G. Grimes

Counsel:

Bennett G. Grimes 31098810 P.O. Box 650 Indian Springs, NV 89070

4. Respondent (s): State of Nevada; Brian Williams SP Warden

Counsel:

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2	5. Appellant(s)'s Attorney Licensed in Nevada: N/A Permission Granted: N/A					
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5	6. Has Appellant Ever Been Represented by Appointed Counsel In District Court: No					
6	7. Appellant Represented by Appointed Counsel On Appeal: N/A					
7	8. Appellant Granted Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis**: N/A **Expires 1 year from date filed					
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9	Appellant Filed Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis: No Date Application(s) filed: N/A					
10	9. Date Commenced in District Court: May 27, 2020					
11	10. Brief Description of the Nature of the Action: Civil Writ					
12	Type of Judgment or Order Being Appealed: Civil Writ of Habeas Corpus					
13	11. Previous Appeal: No					
14	Supreme Court Docket Number(s): N/A					
15	12. Child Custody or Visitation: N/A					
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### CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-20-815590-W

Bennett Grimes, Plaintiff(s) vs. State of Nevada, Defendant(s) Location: Department 12
Judicial Officer: Leavitt, Michelle
Filed on: 05/27/2020

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**CASE INFORMATION** 

Related Cases

C-11-276163-1 (Writ Related Case)

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Plaintiff Grimes, Bennett

Pro Se

Defendant Brian Williams, Warden

State of Nevada

DATE EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT INDEX

**EVENTS** 

05/27/2020 Inmate Filed - Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus

Party: Plaintiff Grimes, Bennett

Post Conviction

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08/10/2020 Order to Statistically Close Case

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08/21/2020 Notice of Appeal

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- 13. The instant petition is untimely. Absent good cause and prejudice, the petition is procedurally barred, and must be denied.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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- 13. Petitioner filed his second petition on May 27, 2020, more than six years after the Nevada Supreme Court issued remittitur on March 24, 2014. Therefore, the instant petition is untimely. NRS 34.726 (1).
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#### **ORDER**

THERFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (post-conviction) shall be, and it is, hereby DENIED.

Dated this 21 day of July, 2020.

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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You may appeal to the Supreme Court from the decision or order of this court. If you wish to appeal, you must file a notice of appeal with the clerk of this court within thirty-three (33) days after the date this notice is mailed to you. This notice was mailed on July 23, 2020.

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/s/ Amanda Hampton

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**DEPARTMENT XII** 

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 2 3 I hereby certify that on the day of July, 2020, I placed a copy of the Findings of 4 Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to: 5 6 Bennett Grimes #1098810 Steven B. Wolfson High Desert State Prison Clark County District Attorney 7 P.O. Box 650 200 Lewis Avenue 8 Indian Springs, NV 89070 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 9 **10** Aaron Ford Nevada Attorney General 11 555 E. Washington, Suite 3900 Las Vegas, NV 89101-1068 12 13 14 Pamela Rocha Judicial Executive Assistant 15 Department XII Eighth Judicial District Court 16 **17** A-20-815590-W 18 C-11-276163-1 19 **Bennett Grimes 20** State of Nevada. 21 22 23 24 **25 26** 27 28

MICHELLE LEAVITT
DISTRICT JUDGE

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### **Certification of Copy**

State of Nevada
County of Clark

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):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

BENNETT GRIMES,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

STATE OF NEVADA; BRIAN WILLIAMS SP WARDEN,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-20-815590-W

Dept No: XII

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 24 day of August 2020.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk