

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION  
OF NEVADA; MARIO DE LA ROSA;  
AND AHORA NEWSPAPER,  
Petitioners,

vs.

HOWARD SKOLNIK, DIRECTOR,  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS; AND NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
Respondents.

No. 50354

**FILED**

OCT 15 2007

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

ORDER GRANTING STAY AND ORDERING BRIEFING

This original petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition seeks an order of this court "enjoining the Director of the Nevada Department of Corrections" from carrying out all executions "under the Director's present lethal injection protocol," including the execution presently scheduled for this date, Monday, October 15, 2007, at 8:30 pm.

This court having conducted an emergency hearing on the matter, and determined that further briefing and consideration is warranted, we hereby stay all pending warrants of execution, including the execution of William Castillo, currently scheduled for tonight, Monday, October 15, 2007, at 8:30 p.m., pending this court's consideration and resolution of this writ petition.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>We note that the only currently pending warrant of execution is the Castillo execution. Although Chief Justice Maupin, Justice Gibbons and Justice Saitta all sat in district court proceedings involving Castillo's underlying judgment of conviction, the court has determined that all three justices have a duty to sit in this matter and that their recusal from

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