

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In the Matter of the Personal Restraint of:

JAMES DAVID KARNATH,  
  
Petitioner.

No. 1 0 2 0 4 6 - 5

Court of Appeals No. 57436-5-II  
RULING DENYING REVIEW

James Karnath pleaded guilty in 2006 to first degree murder, first degree theft, and first degree animal cruelty in Clark County Superior Court. His judgment and sentence became final when entered. In 2022 Karnath filed a motion in superior court for relief from his judgment and sentence, which the court transferred to Division Two of the Court of Appeals for treatment as a personal restraint petition. The acting chief judge dismissed the petition as untimely. Karnath now seeks this court's discretionary review. RAP 16.14(c).

Because Karnath filed his personal restraint petition more than one year after his judgment and sentence became final, the petition is untimely unless the judgment and sentence is facially invalid or was entered without competent jurisdiction, or unless Karnath asserts solely grounds for relief exempt from the time limit under RCW 10.73.100. RCW 10.73.090; *In re Pers. Restraint of Stoudmire*, 141 Wn.2d 342, 348-49, 5 P.3d 1240 (2000). Karnath does not raise any ground for relief exempt from the time limit. He asserts in his motion for discretionary review that he is a "legal

Biblical Sovereign” being held illegally and is owed \$60 billion. As a “sovereign,” he urges he is not subject to the time limit. This argument is frivolous. *See In re Pers. Restraint of Khan*, 184 Wn.2d 679, 686-87, 363 P.3d 577 (2015) (no arguable basis for relief in law or in fact). The acting chief judge properly dismissed Karnath’s petition as time-barred.

The motion for discretionary review is denied.

  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

June 27, 2023