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v. *Commissioner of Correction*, 205 Conn. App. 480, 486–89, 257 A.3d 972 (2021).² In *Banks v. Commissioner of Correction*, 347 Conn. 335, 350–77, A.3d (2023), also released today, we held that unpreserved claims challenging the habeas court’s handling of the habeas proceeding itself are reviewable under the plain error doctrine and *Golding*, despite the failure to include those claims in the petition for certification to appeal, if the appellant can demonstrate that the claims are nonfrivolous because they involve issues that “are debatable among jurists of reason; that a court *could* resolve [them in a different manner]; or that [they] are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.” (Emphasis in original; internal quotation marks omitted.) *Simms v. Warden*, 230 Conn. 608, 616, 646 A.2d 126 (1994). Because the Appellate Court dismissed the petitioner’s uncertified appeal without first considering whether his unpreserved claims are nonfrivolous under the *Simms* criteria, we reverse the judgment of the Appellate Court and remand for consideration of that issue consistent with the principles set forth in *Banks*.

The judgment of the Appellate Court is reversed and the case is remanded to that court for further proceedings in accordance with this opinion.

In this opinion McDONALD and D’AURIA, Js., concurred.

to appeal?” And (2) “[d]id the Appellate Court correctly interpret *Mozell v. Commissioner of Correction*, 291 Conn. 62, 967 A.2d 41 (2009), *Moye v. Commissioner of Correction*, 316 Conn. 779, 114 A.3d 925 (2015), and other decisions of this court in concluding that review under *State v. Golding*, [supra, 213 Conn. 233], of challenges to the habeas court’s handling of the habeas proceedings is unavailable for any issue that is not included in the petition for certification to appeal?” *Bosque v. Commissioner of Correction*, 338 Conn. 908, 908–909, 258 A.3d 1281 (2021).

²The Appellate Court’s opinion sets forth a complete recitation of the factual and procedural history of this case. See *Bosque v. Commissioner of Correction*, supra, 205 Conn. App. 482–83.

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ROBINSON, C. J., with whom MULLINS, J., joins, dissenting. For the reasons stated in my dissenting opinion in *Banks v. Commissioner of Correction*, 347 Conn. 335, 361–77, A.3d (2023) (*Robinson, C. J.*, dissenting), also released today, I respectfully disagree with the majority’s conclusion that General Statutes § 52-470 (g)¹ permits appellate review of unpreserved claims challenging a habeas court’s handling of a proceeding under either the plain error doctrine² or *State v. Golding*, 213 Conn. 233, 239–40, 567 A.2d 823 (1989), as modified by *In re Yasiel R.*, 317 Conn. 773, 781, 120 A.3d 1188 (2015),³ despite a petitioner’s failure to provide the habeas court with notice of the claims, so long as those claims are nonfrivolous under *Simms v. Warden*, 230 Conn. 608, 646 A.2d 126 (1994). Specifi-

¹ General Statutes § 52-470 (g) provides: “No appeal from the judgment rendered in a habeas corpus proceeding brought by or on behalf of a person who has been convicted of a crime in order to obtain such person’s release may be taken unless the appellant, within ten days after the case is decided, petitions the judge before whom the case was tried or, if such judge is unavailable, a judge of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, to certify that a question is involved in the decision which ought to be reviewed by the court having jurisdiction and the judge so certifies.”

² “[The plain error] doctrine, codified at Practice Book § 60-5, is an extraordinary remedy used by appellate courts to rectify errors committed at trial that, although unpreserved, are of such monumental proportion that they threaten to erode our system of justice and work a serious and manifest injustice on the aggrieved party.” (Internal quotation marks omitted.) *State v. Blaine*, 334 Conn. 298, 305, 221 A.3d 798 (2019).

³ “[A] defendant can prevail on a claim of constitutional error not preserved at trial only if *all* of the following conditions are met: (1) the record is adequate to review the alleged claim of error; (2) the claim is of constitutional magnitude alleging the violation of a fundamental right; (3) the alleged constitutional violation . . . exists and . . . deprived the defendant of a fair trial; and (4) if subject to harmless error analysis, the state has failed to demonstrate harmlessness of the alleged constitutional violation beyond a reasonable doubt.” (Emphasis in original; footnote omitted.) *State v. Golding*, *supra*, 213 Conn. 239–40; see *In re Yasiel R.*, *supra*, 317 Conn. 781 (modifying third prong of *Golding*).