

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

November 4, 2005

[Cite as *11/04/2005 Case Announcements, 2005-Ohio-5850.*]

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2004-0586. State v. Drummond.

Mahoning C.P. No. 03CR358. This cause is pending before the court as a death penalty appeal from the Court of Common Pleas for Mahoning County.

IT IS ORDERED by the court, sua sponte, that the parties file additional briefs addressing the following issues:

1. "Was the appellant denied his Sixth Amendment right to a public trial when the trial court closed the courtroom to spectators on February 4 and February 5, 2004?"
2. "What is the appropriate remedy should this court find that the trial court erred in ordering the courtroom closed?"

Each party shall file a brief addressing these issues within thirty days of the date of this entry. Responsive briefs shall be filed within twenty days after the filing of the initial briefs. No reply briefs and no extensions of time shall be permitted.

Lundberg Stratton, J., dissents.

2005-0192. State v. Mundt.

Noble C.P. No. 2042002. This cause is pending before the court as a death penalty appeal from the Court of Common Pleas of Noble County. Upon consideration of appellant's motion to supplement the record,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the motion is granted and that the Clerk of the Noble County Court of Common Pleas shall certify and transmit the transcripts of the March 23 and March 24, 2004, arraignment hearing to the Clerk of this court within twenty days of the date of this entry.

2005-0755. In re Schaefer.

Geauga App. No. 2004-G-2594, 2005-Ohio-1258. This cause is pending before the court as an appeal involving termination of parental rights/adoption. Upon consideration of the motion for leave to intervene of David Morris and Brenda Morris, paternal grandparents,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the motion for leave is denied.
Resnick and Pfeifer, JJ., dissent.

2005-1747. State ex rel. McCarty v. Brunzman.

Ross App. No. 05CA2861. This cause is pending before the court as an appeal from the Court of Appeals for Ross County. Upon consideration of appellant's motion for appointment of counsel,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the motion is denied.

MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS

2005-1478. State ex rel. Rolfes v. Indus. Comm.

Franklin App. No. 04AP-657. This cause is pending before the court as an appeal from the Court of Appeals for Franklin County. It appears from the records of this court that appellant has not filed a merit brief, due October 31, 2005, in compliance with the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court and therefore has failed to prosecute this cause with the requisite diligence. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that this cause be, and hereby is, dismissed sua sponte.