Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

PEOPLE OF MI V KENNETH KARL WILLIAMS

Docket No. 377861

LC No. 93-002575-01-FC

Allie Greenleaf Maldonado
Presiding Judge

Matthew S. Ackerman

Christopher M. Trebilcock
Judges

The motion to waive fees is GRANTED for this case only.

The delayed application for leave to appeal is DENIED for lack of merit in the grounds presented because the trial court reached the correct ultimate result, albeit for the wrong reason. Given the procedural stance of this case, subchapter 6.500 of the Michigan Court Rules represented the only proper procedural avenue for defendant to raise a challenge like the one at bar—i.e., a challenge concerning his judgment of sentence. See MCR 6.501. As this would not have been defendant's first 6.500 motion, the trial court had discretion to (1) recharacterize the disputed motions as 6.500 motions, then rule on them as such; (2) reject the motions and return them to defendant for failing to "substantially comply" with the applicable court rules; or (3) deny the motions for lack of merit in the grounds presented. See MCR 6.502(D); *People v Barner*, 500 Mich 1057 (2017). While the trial court did not elect to take either of the first two approaches, a collateral motion seeking 6.500-style relief, but styled as something else, should be denied for lack of merit in the grounds presented. See, e.g., *People v Giuchici*, 503 Mich 884 (2018); *People v Young*, 503 Mich 859 (2018); *People v Humphries*, 501 Mich 1043 (2018). The trial court, therefore, reached the correct result and this application lacks merit.

Presiding Judge

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