Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

PEOPLE OF MI V LUDALE RANDY JONES

Docket No. 380480

LC No. 88-007896-01-FC

Kathleen A. Feeney
Presiding Judge

Stephen L. Borrello

Sima G. Patel
Judges

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

Pursuant to MCR 7.205(E)(2), the trial court's November 5, 2025 order is VACATED, and the matter REMANDED for further proceedings consistent with this order. Defendant sought relief from judgment under MCR 6.502(G), generally seeking resentencing with regard to his life-without-parole sentence under *People v Parks*, 510 Mich 225; 987 NW2d 161 (2022), and similar authorities. The trial court dismissed the motion as "moot," indicating the motion was unnecessary and that resentencing proceedings would be automatic, after the prosecutor had the opportunity to review the case to determine whether it would continue to seek a life-without-parole sentence, under *People v Taylor*, ___Mich___; ___NW3d___ (2025) (Docket Nos. 166428 and 166654). In *Taylor*, the Supreme Court extended the rule of *Parks* to 19- and 20-year-old offenders, but did *not* extend the rule of *Parks* to 21-year-old offenders. *Id.* at ___; slip op at 13 ("Today we extend *Parks* and its holdings to offenders who were 19 or 20 years old when they committed the offense for which they were convicted"). Defendant, who was 21 years old at the time he committed first-degree murder, was effectively asking the trial court to take the additional step the Supreme Court did not take in *Taylor*—extend the rule of *Parks* to 21-year-old offenders. The trial court erred by deeming the motion moot and indicating that defendant would be resentenced. Rather, both this Court and the trial court are presently bound to follow *Taylor*, under which defendant is not entitled to relief. On remand, the trial court shall enter an order denying the motion for relief from judgment for this reason and enter any other necessary orders in this case.

The motions to remand and to appoint counsel are DENIED in light of our disposition of the application. This order is to have immediate effect. MCR 7.215(F)(2). We do not retain jurisdiction.

Kathleen A. Feeney
Presiding Judge

A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

July 6, 2026
Date

Jerome W. Zimmer Jr.
Chief Clerk