Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

June 18, 2026

Megan K. Cavanagh,
Chief Justice

Brian K. Zahra
Richard H. Bernstein
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Kyra H. Bolden
Kimberly A. Thomas
Noah P. Hood,
Justices

SC: 169532
COA: 377701
Ottawa CC: 2024-046820-FC

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

DARRELL LEE RIDER, JR.,
Defendant-Appellant.

By order of March 6, 2026, plaintiff was directed to answer the application for leave to appeal the January 6, 2026 order of the Court of Appeals. On order of the Court, the answer having been received, the application for leave to appeal is again considered. We direct the Clerk to schedule oral argument on the application. MCR 7.305(I)(1). The parties shall file supplemental briefs in accordance with MCR 7.312(E), addressing: (1) whether the holding in *People v Peterson*, 450 Mich 349, 369 (1995), that "syndrome evidence" offered to explain certain victim behavior is not subject to reliability testing remains good law in light of *Daubert v Merrell Dow Pharm, Inc*, 509 US 579 (1993), *Kumho Tire Co, Ltd v Carmichael*, 526 US 137, 141 (1999), *Gilbert v DaimlerChrysler Corp*, 470 Mich 749 (2004), and MRE 702; (2) if it remains good law, whether the *Peterson* Court erred when it held that syndrome evidence is not subject to reliability testing; and (3) if *Peterson* was wrongly decided, whether it should nonetheless be retained under principles of stare decisis, see *Coldwater v Consumers Energy Co*, 500 Mich 158, 172-174 (2017).

The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan are invited to file briefs amicus curiae. Other persons or groups interested in the determination of the issues presented in this case who are not exempt from the motion requirement under MCR 7.312(H) may move the Court for permission to file briefs amicus curiae.

I, Elizabeth Kingston-Miller, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

June 18, 2026

Clerk