Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

PEOPLE OF MI V VERNORN RAY

Docket No. 381398

LC No. 25-020044-FC

Daniel S. Korobkin
Presiding Judge

Kathleen A. Feeney

Randy J. Wallace
Judges

The motion for immediate consideration is GRANTED.

Pursuant to MCR 7.205(E)(2), and in lieu of granting the application for leave to appeal, we VACATE the June 8, 2026 order of the trial court denying defendant's motion to proceed *in propria persona* and REMAND for further proceedings consistent with this order. The record does not support a finding that "there is sufficient certainty of serious obstructionist misconduct," *People v Richards*, 315 Mich App 564, 575 (2016), rev'd in part 501 Mich 921 (2017), or undue inconvenience and burden on the court and the administration of the court's business, *People v Anderson*, 398 Mich 361, 368 (1976). On remand, the trial court must complete the inquiry required by *Anderson*, 398 Mich at 367-368, and MCR 6.005(D) and (E). *People v King*, 512 Mich 1, 11-12 (2023). Additionally, the trial court "may terminate self-representation" if defendant "deliberately engages in serious and obstructionist misconduct," and may appoint standby counsel "to aid the accused if and when the accused requests help, and to be available to represent the accused in the event that termination of . . . defendant's self-representation is necessary." *Faretta v California*, 422 US 806, 834 n 46 (1975).

The motion for stay pending appeal is DENIED as moot.

This order is to have immediate effect. MCR 7.215(F)(2). We do not retain jurisdiction.

Daniel S. Korobkin
Presiding Judge

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August 26, 2026
Date

Jerome W. Zimmer Jr.
Chief Clerk