Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

April 3, 2026

168976

Megan K. Cavanagh,
Chief Justice

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

SC: 168976
COA: 375921
Wayne CC: 23-004595-FH

MUSA AMIR ALKAFAJI,
Defendant-Appellant.

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By order of November 26, 2025, the plaintiff was directed to answer the application for leave to appeal the July 3, 2025 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. Pursuant to MCR 7.305(I)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REMAND this case to the Court of Appeals for consideration, as on leave granted, of whether the trial court violated the defendant's right of allocution and whether defense counsel's failure to raise this objection at sentencing amounted to ineffective assistance of counsel. The Court of Appeals shall expedite its consideration of these issues. In all other respects, leave to appeal is DENIED, because we are not persuaded that the remaining questions presented should be reviewed by this Court.

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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.

April 3, 2026

Clerk