Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

IN RE CONTEMPT OF JACOB CORNELIUS MOLL III

Docket No. 381439

LC No. 2018-089257-DM

Michael J. Kelly
Presiding Judge

Christopher M. Trebilcock

Andrew J. Lievense
Judges

Plaintiff-Appellee's Motion for Immediate Consideration is GRANTED. Plaintiff-Appellee's Emergency Motion to Clarify Stay is GRANTED.

Courts speak through written orders and judgments. In re Contempt of Henry, 282 Mich App 656, 678; 765 NW2d 44 (2009). The Trial Court's June 30, 2026 Order listed three (3) discrete Orders on several motions which were considered as part of an eight-day evidentiary hearing, of which, Defendant-Appellant only sought leave to appeal one – "that [he] is found in civil contempt of court and shall serve 90 days in jail." After this Court denied leave to appeal, Defendant-Appellant then sought leave in the Michigan Supreme Court for the same sole reason. On July 30, 2026, in lieu of granting leave to appeal, the Supreme Court stayed "[e]nforcement of the trial court's June 30, 2026 contempt order" and gave this Court the discretion to modify, set aside, or place conditions on the stay "if it appears that the appeal is not being vigorously prosecuted or if other appropriate grounds appear." The Supreme Court's July 30, 2026 order, by its plain terms and as informed by Defendant-Appellant's argument and issue presented, does not mention or reference the non-appealed orders issued on June 30, 2026 by the trial court. Therefore, we hold that only the order that Defendant-Appellant is found in civil contempt of court and is to serve 90 days in jail is stayed, and the remaining Orders in the June 30, 2026 Order remain in effect.

Presiding Judge

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

September 15, 2026
Date

Chief Clerk