Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

November 25, 2026

Megan K. Cavanagh,
Chief Justice

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Justices

SC: 168434
COA: 368645
Ottawa CC: 23-007346-PZ

In re RYAN DOUGLAS HARDER.

RYAN DOUGLAS HARDER,
Petitioner-Appellant,
v

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Respondent-Appellee.

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the March 14, 2025 judgment of the Court of Appeals is considered. Pursuant to MCR 7.305(I)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REVERSE Parts III(C) and (E) of the judgment of the Court of Appeals and the October 26, 2023 order of the Ottawa Circuit Court to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Court's opinion in *People v Kardasz*, ___ Mich ___ (December 19, 2025) (Docket No. 165008), we VACATE the remainder of the judgment of the Court of Appeals, and we REMAND this case to the trial court for proceedings not inconsistent with this order. Petitioner committed the crime at issue in 2008, but he is being required to register under the Sex Offenders Registration Act (SORA), MCL 28.721 *et seq*., as amended by 2020 PA 295, effective March 24, 2021 (the 2021 SORA). The statutory requirements enacted after the commission of his crime amount to punishment. *Kardasz*, ___ Mich at ___; slip op at 33. Requiring him to register under the 2021 SORA is therefore an ex post facto punishment, in violation of US Const, art I, § 10; Const 1963, art 1, § 10. For the same reasons articulated in *People v Betts*, 507 Mich 527, 567-574 (2021), with regard to the 2011 SORA, the 2021 SORA may not be retroactively applied to registrants whose criminal acts subjecting them to registration occurred before enactment of the 2011 SORA amendments, and severance or revival of prior versions of the SORA is not appropriate.

We do not retain jurisdiction.

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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.

November 25, 2026

Clerk