

COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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OPINION

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Supreme Court Case No. 24SA225
Interlocutory Appeal from the District Court
Jefferson County District Court Case No. 23CR1739
Honorable Tamara S. Russell, Judge

Plaintiff-Appellant:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Defendant-Appellee:

Tien Dinh Pham.

Order Affirmed

en banc

JUSTICE GABRIEL delivered the Opinion of the Court, in which **JUSTICE HOOD**, **JUSTICE HART**, **JUSTICE SAMOUR**, and **JUSTICE BERKENKOTTER** joined.

JUSTICE BOATRIGHT, joined by **CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ**, dissented.

HELD PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC598, Johnson v. People
Held pending 23SC525, *Johnson v. People*

GRANTED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC508, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1360

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

Madani Ceus.

Petition and Cross-Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether the court of appeals erred by not considering the instructions and trial as a whole in determining whether the jury properly understood that it needed to find, and did find, the sentence enhancer beyond a reasonable doubt.

Whether the court of appeals erred by holding that any possible error was reversible in light of the instructions, arguments, and evidence all showing that the defendant's actions resulted in the children's deaths.

Whether the evidence was insufficient to sustain the convictions.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC477, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA557

Petitioner:

Denver Transit Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,

v.

Respondent:

Regional Transportation District, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC488, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA67

Petitioner:

Vincent G. Kouris,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC622, Court of Appeals Case No. 19CA1629

Petitioner:

Donald L. Garcia,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC631, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1322

Petitioner:

James Thomas Bachmann,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC636, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA188

Petitioner:

Gary Robert Williams,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC655, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1544

Petitioner:

Billy Darnell Clark, Jr.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC656, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA2097

Petitioner:

Christopher Archuleta,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC664, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1377

Petitioner:

Francisco Vega Gomez,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC678, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA351

Petitioner:

Randul L. Skinner,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC682, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA669

Petitioner:

Luis Martin Estrada,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC708, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1155

Petitioner:

Matthew Allen Rodgers,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC711, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA2073

In re the Marriage of

Petitioner:

Robert Gerard Kowalski,

and

Respondent:

Karla Rosete Kowalski, n/k/a Karla Rosete Nunez.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC716, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA664

Petitioner:

Nancy J. Martinez,

v.

Respondent:

David Yamamoto.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC4, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA918

Petitioner:

B.R.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

L.R.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
