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Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals Case Summaries

Case Type	Case Caption	Case No(s)	Character of Proceeding	Judgment	Topics and Issues	Author	Date of Judgment Entry
Criminal	STATE VS. LORI WOLFE	Case No. 24 CAC 11 0097	Appeal from the Delaware Municipal Court , Case No. 24 TRC 02593	Affirmed	Motion to suppress properly denied; Deputy had reasonable suspicion to initiate stop; Information from identified citizen informant was reliable Wolfe appealed her conviction and sentence in Delaware Municipal Court for operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI), following her no contest plea after the trial court denied her motion to suppress evidence. Wolfe had challenged the legality of the traffic stop initiated by Deputy Jadyne Cline, who acted on a 911 report from identified citizen Ross Cameron. Cameron described Wolfe's reckless driving in real-time, provided her vehicle's license plate number, and stayed on the scene to direct the deputy. The trial court ruled that the stop was justified based on the reliability of the citizen's tip and the deputy's own observations of erratic driving. On appeal, the court upheld the trial court's decision, finding that Deputy Cline had reasonable suspicion for the stop and that the denial of the motion to suppress was supported by competent, credible evidence. Wolfe's sole assignment of error was overruled, and her conviction was affirmed.	Hoffman, J.	6/13/2025
Criminal	STATE VS. MICHAEL PERRY	Case No. 2024-CA-0076	Appeal from the Richland County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2024-CR-028N	Affirmed	Sentencing Perry appealed his conviction and sentence from the Richland County Court of Common Pleas, arguing that his guilty plea was not made knowingly, intelligently, or voluntarily. Perry had been indicted on 157 counts related to child pornography and sexual misconduct involving minors. As part of a plea agreement, he pled guilty to 30 counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material (second-degree felonies), one count of gross sexual imposition (third-degree felony), and two counts of public indecency (misdemeanors), in exchange for a recommended 15-year sentence and dismissal of the remaining charges. At sentencing, the trial court rejected the recommended sentence and instead imposed an indefinite term of 25 to 29 years, citing Perry's lack of remorse and a letter he submitted in which he claimed he was conducting research on pedophilia. The court found the plea was valid because Perry had been clearly warned that the court was not bound by the sentencing recommendation. The appellate court concluded that the trial court strictly complied with the constitutional requirements and substantially complied with the non-constitutional requirements under Criminal Rule 11. Therefore, it affirmed the trial court's judgment.	King, J.	6/11/2025

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