COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

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PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

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Supreme Court Case No. 23SC272

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1856

Petitioners:

Terra Management Group, LLC and Littleton Main Street LLC d/b/a Main Street Apartments,

v.

Respondents:

Kathleen Keaten and Delaney Keaten.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

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Supreme Court Case No. <u>23SC605</u>

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA976

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Kenneth Alfonso Gallegos.

Opinion modified, and as modified, Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

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Supreme Court Case No. 23SC571

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA2054

Petitioner:

Isaiah Ismael Rios,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

RULE CHANGE

RULE CHANGE 2025(16)

COLORADO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Rule 41

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, July 31, 2025, effective September 2, 2025.

GRANTED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 23SC767, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA744

Petitioner:

Victorino Lagunas, Jr.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. The judgment of the Colorado Court of Appeals is vacated, and the case is remanded to the Colorado Court of Appeals for reconsideration in light of *Snow v. People*, 23SC775, 2025 CO 32. EN BANC.

No. 23SC939, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1061

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Sheri Lynn Espinoza.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. The judgment of the Colorado Court of Appeals is vacated, and the case is remanded to the Colorado Court of Appeals for reconsideration in light of *Babcock v. People*, 23SC583, 2025 CO 26; *Johnson v. People*, 23SC525, 2025 CO 29; and *People v. Roberson*, 23SC622, 2025 CO 30. EN BANC.

No. 24SC196, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA58

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

Skylan M. Brassill,

v.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado.

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

Whether a district court loses authority to impose restitution if the prosecution does not exercise diligent efforts to bring restitution information to sentencing.

Whether the division erred in affirming the district court's restitution order, despite finding the prosecution did not exercise diligent efforts to bring restitution information to sentencing.

Whether the defendant may seek dismissal of restitution proceedings based on the prosecution failing to use "reasonable diligence" to gather restitution information prior to sentencing.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

No. 24SC382, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA2025

Petitioner:

Bernie Anthony Valdez,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. The judgment of the Colorado Court of Appeals is vacated, and the case is remanded to the Colorado Court of Appeals for reconsideration in light of *Snow v. People*, 23SC775, 2025 CO 32. EN BANC.

No. 24SC390, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1377

Petitioner:

Geoffrey James Lewicke,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. The judgment of the Colorado Court of Appeals is vacated, and the case is remanded to the Colorado Court of Appeals for reconsideration in light of *Johnson v. People*, 23SC525, 2025 CO 29; *Tennyson v. People*, 23SC168, 2025 CO 31; and *Snow v. People*, 23SC775, 2025 CO 32. EN BANC.

No. 24SC540, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA2245

Petitioners:

Andrew Kline, in his official capacity as Colorado Deputy Secretary of State; and Jena Griswold, in her official capacity as Colorado Secretary of State, v.

Respondent:

No on EE — A Bad Deal for Colorado, Issue Committee.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether the court of appeals erred by holding the registered agent disclosure requirement facially unconstitutional where the plaintiff (1) made no facial challenge in its complaint, (2) developed no record and made no argument in support of a facial challenge before the district court, and (3) presented no argument in support of a facial challenge to the court of appeals.

Whether the court of appeals erred by holding the registered agent disclosure requirement facially unconstitutional where disclosure serves compelling public interests and imposes no meaningful burden on issue committees.

No. 25SC101, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA678

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Jordan Christopher Burden.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. The judgment of the Colorado Court of Appeals is vacated, and the case is remanded to the Colorado Court of Appeals for reconsideration in light of *People v. Roberson*, 23SC622, 2025 CO 30. EN BANC.

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 23SC713, District Court, Jefferson County, Case No. 22CV31244

Petitioner:

Christopher Michael Stevens,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC955, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1783

Petitioner:

Sierra Suzanne Pantoja,

 \mathbf{v}

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC138, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1870

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

Michael Anthony Pikes.

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

No. 24SC171, Court of Appeals Case No. 19CA1449

Petitioner:

Margarito Najera,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC188, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1424

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Marco Antonio Garcia-Bravo.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC226, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA16

Petitioner:

Kobe Gregory Taylor,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC322, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA791

Petitioner:

Seth Michael Porter,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 24SC420, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1060

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

James Michael Samson,

V.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition and Cross Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC464, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA569

Petitioner:

Francisco Ibarra,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ and JUSTICE GABRIEL would grant as to the following issue:

Whether the prosecution's failure to timely submit the restitution information in its possession prior to the order of judgement extinguishes the court's authority to order restitution.

No. 24SC526, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA688

Petitioner:

Willow Muth,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC555, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1146

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Ruben Melendez-Carrera.

No. 24SC749, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1996

Petitioner:

Cohen Ellis Heath,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC755, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1193

Petitioner:

Adam Joseph Salaz,

V.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC763, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1535

Petitioners:

Roddess Ekberg, Timothy Ekberg, Justin Fierstein, and Sarah Fierstein,

v.

Respondent:

Jeffrey Speicher.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC766, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA792

Petitioner:

Robert W. Feldman,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 25SC18, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA2047

Petitioner:

Carol Adams,

v.

Respondents:

Estate of Carlos Ortiz and Neolia Johnson.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC19, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA434 Petitioners:

Lianne Mercer; Jeremy Mercer; Karen Sublett; Barbara Snow; Ultreia Homes LLC, a Colorado LLC, d/b/a Courtyard at San Miguel and Yuma; Kevin Comesky; Marissa Comesky; William Snider; Ruth Snider; Sylvia Wulf; Tracy Schlotman; Sara Webb; Ethan Howard; Lauren Howard; Mack Mason; and Abdillahi Jama Buni,

Respondent:

City of Colorado Springs, City Council.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC60, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1898

Petitioner:

JKHP, LLC,

v.

Respondents:

Thomas M. Whipple; NBH Bank; W. Ryland Gardner, III; and Teak J. Simonton, in her official capacity as County Treasurer of Eagle County.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC105, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1635

Petitioner:

Andrew Solazzo,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 25SC168, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1367 In Re: the Parental Responsibilities Concerning

Child: M.M.

Petitioner:

William Muhr,

v.

Respondent:

Kristin Lee a/k/a Kristin Ellias.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC190, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA960

Petitioner:

Devien Patrick Brown,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC193, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1934

Petitioner:

Lessie Steve Britton,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC204, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA484

Petitioner:

Karl Jeran Friday Williams,

V

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 25SC205, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1076

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Joenny Manuel Astacio.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC207, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA675

Petitioners:

Laszlo & Associates, LLC, d/b/a Laszlo Law; Theodore E. Laszlo, Jr.; and Michael J. Laszlo,

v.

Respondent:

Nathan Schulz, derivatively on behalf of CLN Holdings, LLC.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC214, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1343

Petitioner:

Kylvito D. Garrette,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC228, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1280

In re the Marriage of:

Petitioner:

Charlene Bailey,

and

Respondent:

David Bailey.

No. 25SC233, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA451 Petitioner:

M.M., MD,

v.

Respondent:

S.M.S.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC241, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1630

Petitioner:

Damaige Dominic Plascencia,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC242, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA228

Petitioner:

Jeffery David King,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC245, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA739

In the Matter of

Dorothy Yvonne Youngren Living Trust,

Petitioner:

Justin Youngren,

V.

Respondent:

Jay Youngren.

No. 25SC246, District Court, City and County of Denver, Case No. 24CV31017 Petitioner:

Marcelino Rosales Castorena,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC247, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1246

Petitioner:

Brett D. Boyles,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC248, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1732

Petitioner:

Pedro Rodriguez,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC251, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA290

Petitioner:

Troy Mark Brownlow,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 25SC253, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA465

Petitioner:

Ronald Gray,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC256, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA97

Petitioner:

Michael Allen Kuntz,

V.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC258, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA2010

Petitioner:

Kylvito D. Garrette,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC270, District Court, Garfield County, Case No. 24CV30088

Petitioner:

David Warner Adolphson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 25SC274, District Court, City and County of Denver, Case No. 24CV30111 Petitioner:

Mario Piria,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC275, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA457

Petitioner:

Roy Abel Maez,

 \mathbf{v}

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC276, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1963

Petitioner:

Tlaloc R. Chavez,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC277, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1021

Petitioner:

Demar Rayel Ravenell,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 25SC292, District Court, Jefferson County, Case No. 24CV130 **Petitioner:** Anthony M. Thompson, v. **Respondent:** Giannis Repair Center. Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC. No. 25SC302, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA2113 **Petitioner:** Brandon Joseph Lockard, **Respondent:** The People of the State of Colorado. Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC. No. 25SC349, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1787 **Petitioner:** P.F., v. **Respondent:** The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Child: A.F. Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC. No. 25SC368, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA47 **Petitioner:** M.D., v. **Respondent:** The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Child:

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

L.D.

No. 25SC369, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA102

Petitioner:

L.B.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

M.B. and A.B.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC372, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA969

Petitioners:

D.G. and M.A.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

L.A., N.G., and D.A.

Petitions for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC374, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1036

Petitioner:

J.W.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

W.W. and C.W.

No. 25SC385, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1653

Petitioner:

K.L.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

A.R., D.C.L., and H. L.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC387, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1452

Petitioner:

S.P.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

M.L.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC388, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA2060

Petitioner:

A.H.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

D.G.

No. 25SC391, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA2165 Petitioner: D.M., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Child: Z.H.
Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
No. 25SC399, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA32 Petitioner: L.C., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Children: Je.C. and Ja.C.
Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
No. 25SC403, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA2164 Petitioner: A.B., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Children: W.W. and R.B.
Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
No. 25SC404, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1278 Petitioner: K.C.S., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Child:

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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