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PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[2026COA29](#)
Court of Appeals No. [25CA0687](#)
Montrose County District Court No. 22CV30100
Honorable D. Cory Jackson, Judge

Danny English and Dean English,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

Shirley J. Thorpe,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ
Freyre and Brown, JJ., concur

UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS

Court of Appeals No. 22CA0465
El Paso County District Court No. 20CR2604
Honorable Frances Johnson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Laurence William Simpson,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE FOX
Kuhn and Sullivan, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 22CA1421
Weld County District Court No. 20CR461
Honorable Marcelo A. Kopcow, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Kevin Dean Eastman,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE DUNN
Harris and Moultrie, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 22CA1785
Jefferson County District Court No. 21CR1192
Honorable Robert Lochary, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Lance Petersen Schendorf,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE MEIRINK
J. Jones and Lum, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0011
City and County of Denver District Court No. 22CR365
Honorable Eric M. Johnson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Chakib E. Ez-Zahir,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE HARRIS
Schutz, J., concurs
Fox, J., dissents

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0518
Larimer County District Court No. 21CR742
Honorable Laurie K. Dean, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Hageo Misael Pelico-Vargas,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE MEIRINK
J. Jones and Lum, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0697
Boulder County District Court No. 21CR441
Honorable Nancy W. Salomone, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee and Cross-Appellant,

v.

Kasey James Arrington,

Defendant-Appellant and Cross-Appellee.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART,
AND CASE REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE JOHNSON
Pawar and Gomez, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0719
Arapahoe County District Court No. 22CR972
Honorable Eric White, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jose Garcia Valdivia,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE LIPINSKY
Welling and Tow, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals Nos. 23CA1375 & 23CA2187
Douglas County District Court No. 08JV35
Honorable H. Clay Hurst, Judge
Honorable Ben Leutwyler, Judge

In the Interest of A.M.E., n/k/a A.M.H., a Child,

and Concerning J.L.E.,

Appellant,

and

J.J.H.,

Appellee.

ORDERS AFFIRMED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE LUM
Freyre and Grove, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1897
Jefferson County District Court No. 22CR2704
Honorable Randall C. Arp, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Richard Lee Arellano,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR
Johnson and Gomez, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1928
Weld County District Court No. 22JD52
Honorable Marcelo A. Kopcow, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner-Appellee,

In the Interest of A.P.R.,

Juvenile-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AND ORDER AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE DUNN
Harris and Moultrie, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA2025
Chaffee County District Court No. 23CR5009
Honorable Patrick W. Murphy, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Dan Obanion,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE GROVE
Yun and Schock, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA2137
Adams County District Court No. 21CR2511
Honorable Jeffrey Smith, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

James Silvis,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR
Johnson and Gomez, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 24CA0266
Arapahoe County District Court No. 88CR1352
Honorable Jacob Edson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Bret Steven Klein,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Fox and Sullivan, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 24CA0280
Arapahoe County District Court No. 21CR2203
Honorable Shay Whitaker, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jesse Ivan Quintanilla,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE DUNN
Harris and Moultrie, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 24CA0828
Douglas County District Court No. 08JV35
Honorable H. Clay Hurst, Judge

In the Interest of A.M.E., n/k/a A.M.H., a Child,

and Concerning J.L.E.,

Appellant,

and

J.J.H.,

Appellee.

APPEAL DISMISSED IN PART, ORDERS AFFIRMED,
AND CASE REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE LUM
Pawar and Martinez*, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1280
Boulder County District Court No. 22CR445
Honorable Thomas F. Mulvahill, Judge
Honorable Nancy W. Salomone, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

John Christopher Wilds,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Fox and Sullivan, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 24CA2110
Alamosa County District Court No. 23CR267
Honorable Crista Newmyer-Olsen, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Joleen Eleathe Castleberry,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE TOW
Welling and Lipinsky, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0143
La Plata County District Court No. 14DR2163
Honorable Kim S. Shropshire, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Ann Marie Laffaye,

Appellee,

and

Patrick William Laffaye,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART,
AND CASE REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE LUM
J. Jones and Meirink, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0901
City and County of Denver District Court No. 23CV33712
Honorable Jon J. Olafson, Judge

StreetMediaGroup, LLC,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Department of Transportation, State of Colorado, and Shoshana Lew, in her
official capacity as Executive Director of the Department of Transportation,
State of Colorado,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Fox and Sullivan, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1002
Logan County District Court No. 24CV12
Honorable Dina M. Christiansen, Judge

Rodney Douglas Eaves,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Executive Director of Colorado Department of Corrections and Warden of
Sterling Correctional Facility,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE LUM
J. Jones and Meirink, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1638
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 24JV30918
Honorable Lisa Gomez, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of M.B.A.H., a Child,

and Concerning M.O.H. III a/k/a M.E.H.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE BROWN
Freyre and Schutz, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1832
Arapahoe County District Court No. 22JV30165
Honorable Bonnie McLean, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of V.S-J., a Child,

and Concerning M.H. and D.J.,

Appellants.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR
Johnson and Gomez, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1834
El Paso County District Court No. 22JV30261
Honorable Robin Chittum, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of E.J.C. and R.C., Children,

and Concerning B.W. and M.C.,

Appellants.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE GROVE
Yun and Schock, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1836
El Paso County District Court No. 23JV30679
Honorable Robin Chittum, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of D.J.C., a Child,

and Concerning B.W. and M.C.,

Appellants.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE YUN
Grove and Schock, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA2272
Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado
DD No. 16035-2025

Brittany Nakagaki,

Petitioner,

v.

Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado and Eastern Rio Blanco
County Health Services District, d/b/a Pioneers Medical Center,

Respondents.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE TOW
Welling and Lipinsky, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0234
City and County of Broomfield District Court No. 25MH11
Honorable Jeffrey Smith, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner-Appellee,

In the Interest of Kenneth Fairchild,

Respondent-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE GOMEZ
Pawar and Johnson, JJ., concur

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0961

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Abou Thiam,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0962

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Abou Thiam,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0223

Delmart Vreeland,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

William T. Griffin; Tracey Eubanks Griffin; and The Griffin Law Firm, LLC,

Defendants-Appellees.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0424

In re the Marriage of

Phillip Kiphardt,

Appellee,

and

Margaret Martin Kiphardt,

Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)

*Sitting by assignment of the Chief Justice under provisions of Colo. Const. art. VI, § 5(3), and § 24-51-1105, C.R.S. 2025.