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PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[2026 COA 64](#)
Court of Appeals No. [22CA1593](#)
Arapahoe County District Court No. 21CR314
Honorable Darren Vahle, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

David Dwayne Anderson,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE WELLING
Kuhn, J., specially concurs
Schutz, J., concurs in part and dissents in part

[2026 COA 65](#)

Court of Appeals No. [24CA1331](#)

Park County District Court No. 22CR69

Honorable Amanda Hunter, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Robert C. Schlitt,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE GROVE
Moultrie and Bernard*, JJ., concur

UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS

Court of Appeals No. 22CA1528
Jefferson County District Court No. 21CR3062
Honorable Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Michael Joseph McKimmy,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

Division II
Opinion by CHIEF JUDGE TOW
Harris and Brown, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0014
City and County of Denver District Court No. 20CR6033
Honorable Kandace C. Gerdes, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Stephen C. Swainson,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE LIPINSKY
Yun and Schutz, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA0909
Jefferson County District Court No. 19CR2801
Honorable Robert Lochary, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Anthony Atencio,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE SCHOCK
Welling and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1049
Adams County District Court No. 19CR4589
Honorable Mark Warner, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Luis Torres-Fernandez,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE FOX
J. Jones and Dunn, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1120
City and County of Denver District Court No. 21CR3376
Honorable Ericka F. H. Englert, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Donald R. Gonzales,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE GROVE
Gomez and Moultrie, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1436
City and County of Denver District Court No. 21CR861
Honorable Darryl F. Shockley, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Henry J. Yeager,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE DUNN
J. Jones and Fox, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1933
Weld County District Court No. 21CR1291
Honorable Julie C. Hoskins, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Patrick Morado,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE SULLIVAN
Pawar and Meirink, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA2074
Adams County District Court No. 21CR387
Honorable Jeffrey Smith, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

William Paul Schuette,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE SCHOCK
Welling and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA0513
El Paso County District Court No. 22CR6126
Honorable Erin Sokol, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Robert Timothy Cadaret,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE MEIRINK
Pawar and Sullivan, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA0905
Adams County District Court No. 21CR3982
Honorable Sean Finn, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Colby Craft,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE J. JONES
Dunn and Martinez*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1760
El Paso County District Court No. 23CR317
Honorable Chad Miller, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Kenneth Blair Lee,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

Division II
Opinion by CHIEF JUDGE TOW
Harris and Brown, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1899
Jefferson County District Court No. 23CR2215
Honorable Todd L. Vriesman, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Melinda Wingard,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE TAUBMAN*
Johnson and Kuhn, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA2001
Pueblo County District Court No. 17CR2114
Honorable Deborah J. Grohs, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Perry Taylor Armstrong,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUSTICE MARTINEZ*
J. Jones and Dunn, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA2189
Jefferson County District Court No. 16DR30230
Honorable Meegan A. Miloud, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Annette Lynn Berenson, n/k/a Annette Lynn Tekler,

Appellee,

and

Michael Aaron Berenson,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0013
Delta County District Court No. 23CR79
Honorable Steven L. Schultz, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

David Wilson Bement,

Defendant-Appellant.

SENTENCE AFFIRMED, ORDERS AFFIRMED
IN PART AND VACATED IN PART

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE BROWN
Tow, C.J., and Harris, J., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0084
Arapahoe County District Court No. 22CR623
Honorable Joseph Whitfield, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jerry Lee Stinnett,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division C
Opinion by JUSTICE MARTINEZ*
Tow, C.J., and Lipinsky, J., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0105
Delta County District Court No. 23CR115
Honorable Steven L. Schultz, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Richard Abeyta,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE WELLING
Schock and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0118
City and County of Denver District Court No. 21CR421
Honorable Ericka F.H. Englert, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Vincent Mendinghall,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDERS AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE SCHOCK
Welling and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0577
City and County of Denver District Court No. 20DR30600
Honorable Marie Avery Moses, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Catherine L. Kokoszka n/k/a Catherine L. Climaco,

Appellee,
and

Lawrence A. Kokoszka,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Freyre and Johnson, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0913
Jefferson County District Court No. 20DR30011
Honorable Meegan A. Miloud, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Kirsten M. Nielsen,

Appellee,

and

James Eric Schmitz,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE LIPINSKY
Yun and Schutz, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1013
Adams County District Court No. 03CR1246
Honorable Jeffrey Ruff, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Matthew Jacob Long,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE MOULTRIE
Grove and Berger*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1103
Garfield County District Court No. 20DR117
Honorable Anne K. Norrdin, Judge

In re the Parental Responsibilities Concerning E.L.G., a Child,

and Concerning Geoff Guimond,

Appellee,

and

Beth Grieser,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE FREYRE
Johnson and Kuhn, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1143
El Paso County District Court No. 23JV31046
Honorable Diana May, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of M.G.W., Child-Appellant,

and Concerning K.W.,

Appellant,

and K.S.,

Appellee.

JUDGMENT VACATED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE MOULTRIE
Grove and Gomez, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1264
El Paso County District Court No. 99CR4527
Honorable William Bain, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Victor Albert Lopez,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE LUM
Welling and Schock, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1324
Adams County District Court No. 22CV30533
Honorable Patrick H. Pugh, Judge

Bryan McCluskey and Brandie McCluskey,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

Michael E. Janssen, D.O., Christina Ottomeyer, D.O., Rachel Cengia, PA-C,
Center for Spine and Orthopedics, P.C., and HCA HealthOne, d/b/a North
Suburban Medical Center,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division II

Opinion by JUDGE TAUBMAN*
Tow, C.J., and Harris, J., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1400
Douglas County District Court No. 25CV30199
Honorable Ben L. Leutwyler III, Judge

Clint B. Thompson,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Canyon Ranch Ventures, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company,

Defendant-Appellee.

ORDER AFFIRMED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division III

Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Freyre and Johnson, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1499
Adams County District Court No. 23CV30700
Honorable Teri L. Vasquez, Judge

Preston Nunn,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Gabriel Nestor,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ
Lipinsky and Yun, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1686
Weld County District Court No. 20DR30147
Honorable Anita Jain Crowther, Judge
Honorable Allison J. Esser, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Roddie Tim Vick,

Appellee,

and

Annie Margaret Vick,

Appellant.

APPEAL DISMISSED IN PART
AND ORDER VACATED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE GOMEZ
Grove and Moultrie, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1899
City and County of Denver District Court No. 24DR871
Honorable Michael W.V. Angel, Judge

In re the Parental Responsibilities Concerning K.T., a Child,
and Concerning Vernon Dale Tabor, Jr.,

Appellant,

and

Mercedes Vaughn Howard,

Appellee.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE LIPINSKY
Yun and Schutz, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1929
Montrose County District Court No. 18DR30004
Honorable D. Cory Jackson, Judge
Honorable Joseph Bradley Gaffney, Magistrate
In re the Parental Responsibilities Concerning K.E.G. and O.G.G., Children,

and Concerning Brandon Galarza,

Appellee,

and

Marki Galarza,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE YUN
Lipinsky and Schutz, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1930
Montrose County District Court No. 19DR30019
Honorable D. Cory Jackson, Judge
Honorable Joseph Bradley Gaffney, Magistrate

In re the Marriage of

Brandon Galarza,

Appellee,

and

Marki Galarza,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ
Lipinsky and Yun, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1936
Routt County District Court No. 23CV30043
Honorable Billy-George Hertzke, Judge

Bahrookh, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Johnson Ranch Water CO-HOA, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company;
Judy C. Kelly; Brian T. Kelly; Jim Parscal; and Carmen Ashbaugh,

Defendants-Appellees.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE SULLIVAN
Meirink and Taubman*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1984
Boulder County District Court No. 25CV30273
Honorable Michael Kotlarczyk, Judge

Save South Boulder, Margaret Lecompte, Ann Harlin Savage, and Steven
Telleen,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

The City of Boulder, Colorado and The City Council for the City of Boulder,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Freyre and Johnson, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1994
Adams County District Court No. 23CR2901
Honorable Brett Martin, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Kenneth Clark Goodson,

Defendant-Appellee.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE BERNARD*
Grove and Gomez, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA2149
Bent County District Court No. 24CV5
Honorable Samuel S. Vigil, Judge

Rodney Eaves,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Executive Director of Colorado Department of Corrections, and Warden of Bent
County Correctional Facility,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE BROWN
Tow, C.J., and Harris, J., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA2369
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 25JV30818
Honorable Laurie Clark, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner,

In the Interest of S.A.H. and D.A.H., Children,

and Concerning H.C.H. and E.A.M. a/k/a E.A.H.,

Appellants.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division II
Opinion by CHIEF JUDGE TOW
Harris and Brown, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0005
El Paso County District Court No. 25CR5223
Honorable Frances Johnson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Sanorio Townsend,

Defendant-Appellee.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE LIPINSKY
Yun and Schutz, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0057
Mesa County District Court No. 24JV100
Honorable Craig P. Henderson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

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

and Concerning J.C.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Freyre and Johnson, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0166
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 23JV30823
Honorable Laurie Clark, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of G.B.B.L.T., a Child,

and Concerning K.N.D.T. and T.C.,

Appellants.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE LUM
Welling and Schock, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0221
Arapahoe County District Court No. 24JV92
Honorable Bonnie McLean, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of M.C.C. a/k/a M.C.T., a Child,

and Concerning M.D.A. a/k/a M.D.W.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE YUN
Lipinsky and Schutz, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0310
Mesa County District Court No. 24JV77
Honorable Matthew D. Barrett, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of Z.R.V., a Child,

and Concerning M.F.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Freyre and Johnson, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0701
Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado
DD No. 29352-2025

Bergon Esslinger,

Petitioner,

v.

Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado,

Respondent.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ
Lipinsky and Yun, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA1022
City and County of Denver Probate Court No. 26MH458
Honorable Elizabeth D. Leith, Judge
Honorable Beth A. Tomerlin, Magistrate

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner-Appellee,

In the Interest of Keith Worley,

Respondent-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE MEIRINK
Pawar and Sullivan, JJ., concur

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

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1934

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jason Rios,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0522

In re the Marriage of

Cristina Anderson,

Appellee,

and

Edward Allyn Volovlek,

Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA2321

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of Z.O.K.S., a Child,

and Concerning A.W.,

Appellant.

Opinion Modified On the Court's Own Motion
and Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0160

Dustin Filtz,

Petitioner,

v.

Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado,

Respondent.

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.