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PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[2026 COA 69](#)
Court of Appeals No. [24CA1428](#)
Montezuma County District Court No. 21CR398
Honorable Todd Jay Plewe, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Scott Edward Chilleen,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR
Sullivan and Meirink, JJ., concur

[2026 COA 70](#)

Court of Appeals No. [25CA2335](#)

Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado

WC Nos. 5-253-751-001 & 5-253-751-002

Lusia Murillo,

Petitioner,

v.

Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado and the Ritz-Carlton
Bachelor Gulch,

Respondents,

and

AIU Insurance Company,

Insurer-Respondent.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division V

Opinion by JUDGE YUN

Lipinsky and Schutz, JJ., concur

[2026 COA 71](#)

Court of Appeals No. [25CA2369](#)

City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 24JV30818

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

Prior Opinion Announced August 20, 2026, WITHDRAWN

Opinion Previously Announced as “**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO
C.A.R. 35(e)**” on August 20, 2026, is now Designated for Publication

UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS

Court of Appeals No. 24CA0490
Arapahoe County District Court No. 23CR1166
Honorable Joseph Whitfield, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Bernard J. Gilligan,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE GROVE
Freyre and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1552
Adams County District Court No. 21CR3621
Honorable Jeffrey Smith, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Gabriel Christopher Heredia,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE FREYRE
Grove and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1648
City and County of Denver District Court No. 23CR6676
Honorable Demetria E. Trujillo, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Chritopher N. Villiere,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE FREYRE
Grove and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA2269
Pueblo County District Court No. 16CR1960
Honorable Amiel Markenson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Joseph Nathan Navares, Jr.,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE GROVE
Freyre and Lum, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0115
Mesa County District Court No. 21CR356
Honorable Brian J. Flynn, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jason Thomas Unangst,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0667
Douglas County District Court No. 08JV35
Honorable Ben L. Leutwyler III, 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 VI
Opinion by JUDGE MOULTRIE
Grove and Gomez, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals Nos. 25CA1032 & 25CA1816
Larimer County District Court No. 24CV30673
Honorable Laurie K. Dean, Judge

Alexandra Thompson,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

The Town of Estes Park and Mikel Otazua, as an individual and in his official
capacity,

Defendants-Appellees.

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

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1265
City and County of Denver District Court No. 25DR264
Honorable Stephanie L. Scoville, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Alexander Noel Garcia Sr.,

Appellant,

and

Angel Monique Garcia,

Appellee.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE HARRIS
Gomez and Hawthorne*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1426
El Paso County District Court No. 24DR32318
Honorable Sarah Zane, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Julia Zahrebelna,

Appellee,

and

Mykola Zahrebelnyi,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE HAWTHORNE*
Harris and Gomez, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1473
El Paso County District Court No. 25CV57
Honorable David Prince, Judge

Benjamin Hastings,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Lindsey Spraker and Jessica Fann,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE HARRIS
Gomez and Martinez*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1498
Jefferson County District Court No. 25CV134
Honorable Philip J. McNulty, Judge

Tehuti Ma'at AmenRa Trust,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Foundation Chevrolet, GM Financial, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.,

Defendants-Appellees.

APPEAL DISMISSED 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. 25CA1730
City and County of Denver District Court No. 24CV31838
Honorable Ian J. Kellogg, Judge

303 Subsource, LLC, d/b/a Firehouse Subs,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Labor Standards
and Statistics, and Christopher Heffner,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE HARRIS
Gomez and Martinez*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1924
El Paso County District Court No. 16DR1868
Honorable Frances Johnson, Judge

In re the Parental Responsibilities Concerning M.E.M., a Child,
and Concerning Elizabeth Dawn Johnson,
Appellee,
and
Victor Morris,
Intervenor-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE GOMEZ
Harris and Hawthorne*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals Nos. 25CA2132
Jefferson County District Court No. 25CV134
Honorable Philip J. McNulty, Judge

Tehuti Ma'at AmenRa Trust,
Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Foundation Chevrolet, GM Financial, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.,
Defendants-Appellees.

APPEAL DISMISSED 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. 25CA2487
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 24JV30615
Honorable Laurie Clark, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of E.M.M, M.L.M., and D.L.J., Children,
and Concerning L.M.W.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ
Dunn and Hawthorne, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0010
Montezuma County District Court No. 25JV5
Honorable William Young Furse, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of K.M.J. and L.S.J., Jr., Children,
and Concerning B.K.K. and L.D.J.,

Appellants.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE JOHNSON
Freyre and Kuhn, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0074
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 25JV30119
Honorable Elizabeth McCarthy, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of M.U.A. and M.R.A-M., Children,

and Concerning M.M.J-A, a/k/a M.M.A-J.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE JOHNSON
Freyre and Kuhn, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0655
Arapahoe County District Court No. 22JV414
Honorable Shay Whitaker, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of Z.C., a Child,

and Concerning A.B.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV
Opinion by JUDGE GOMEZ
Harris and Berger*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA1083
Costilla County District Court No. 26MH2
Honorable Kim Cortez-Rodriguez, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner-Appellee,

In the Interest of W.H., II,

Respondent-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE KUHN
Welling and Meirink, JJ., concur

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

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1049

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Luis Torres-Fernandez,

Defendant-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. 24CA0007

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Yasniel Fonseca, Jr.,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

*Sitting by assignment of the Chief Justice under provisions of Colo. Const. art. VI, § 5(3), and § 24-51-1105, C.R.S. 2026.