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PUBLISHED OPINIONS

[2026 COA 75](#)

Court of Appeals No. [23CA0606](#)

Arapahoe County District Court No. 18CR1951

Honorable Ryan J. Stuart, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Josias Deonicio Ortiz,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

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

[2026 COA 76](#)

Court of Appeals No. [24CA0157](#)

City and County of Denver District Court No. 22CR5426

Honorable Adam J. Espinosa, Judge

Honorable Eric M. Johnson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jordyn M. Williams,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT VACATED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE YUN
Fox and Martinez*, JJ., concur

[2026 COA 77](#)

Court of Appeals No. [24CA1591](#)

Logan County District Court No. 24CV30013

Honorable Charles M. Hobbs, Judge

Gerald E. McBride,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Northeastern Junior College, a Colorado public community college, and
Colorado Community College System, a political subdivision of the State of
Colorado,

Defendants-Appellants.

ORDER REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division V
Opinion by JUDGE JOHNSON
Welling and Grove, JJ., concur

[2026 COA 78](#)

Court of Appeals No. [25CA2019](#)

El Paso County District Court No. 25CV30595

Honorable Gregory R. Werner, Judge

Roger Moseley and Martha Brodzik, Relators,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

Town of Palmer Lake, a municipality and municipal corporation,

Defendant-Appellee.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division II

Opinion by JUDGE JOHNSON

Fox and Yun, JJ., concur

UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS

Court of Appeals No. 22CA1270
El Paso County District Court No. 20CR4790
Honorable Chad Miller, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jean-Joseph Danger LeChiffre,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR
Brown and Moultrie, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1159
Otero County District Court No. 22CR120
Honorable Samuel S. Vigil, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Manuel Gallarzo,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1676
City and County of Denver District Court No. 22CR6515
Honorable Nikea T. Bland, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Quinn M. Jebe,

Defendant-Appellee.

ORDER REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR
Tow, C.J., and Schutz, J., concur

Prior Opinion Announced December 5, 2024, Reversed in 25SC53

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

Court of Appeals No. 23CA1968
El Paso County District Court No. 11CR2145
Honorable Monica Jo Gomez, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Dean Porter Watson,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER 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. 24CA1014
Larimer County District Court No. 23CR140
Honorable Stephen J. Jouard, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Billy James Garrison,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1525
Boulder County District Court No. 22CR258
Honorable Kenneth M. Laff, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

John Edward Cruz,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE MEIRINK
Pawar, J., concurs
Taubman*, J., dissents

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

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1731
Arapahoe County District Court No. 23CR1099
Honorable Darren Vahle, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Steven Chopper Rustemeyer,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT 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. 24CA2098
Larimer County District Court Nos. 17CR1173 & 17CR2289
Honorable Laurie K. Dean, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Daniel Eric Jelosek,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDERS AFFIRMED

Division VI
Opinion by JUDGE WELLING
Kuhn and Meirink, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0209
El Paso County District Court No. 13CR1027
Honorable Robin Chittum, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Zachary Justin Fournier,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0817
City and County of Denver District Court Nos. 02CR185 & 02CR186
Honorable Demetria E. Trujillo, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Ned Pace, Jr.,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE SCHOCK
J. Jones and Sullivan, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0843
Arapahoe County District Court No. 19CR2058
Honorable LaQunya Baker-McKay, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Jeremy Hasani Scott,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division A
Opinion by CHIEF JUDGE TOW
Bernard* and Ashby*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1062
El Paso County District Court No. 11CR3490
Honorable Frances Johnson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Donny Anthony Lopez,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division I
Opinion by JUDGE SULLIVAN
J. Jones and Schock, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1070
Larimer County District Court No. 13CR1167
Honorable Stephen J. Jouard, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Christopher Wesley Welborne,

Defendant-Appellee.

ORDER REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1500
Adams County District Court No. 25DR30467
Honorable Michal Lord-Blegen, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Marjorie Grace Burge,

Appellee,

and

Jun-Kyou Park,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE YUN
Fox and Johnson, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1574
City and County of Denver District Court No. 09CR3321
Honorable Andrew J. Luxen, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Rodney A. Smith,

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. 25CA1578
Larimer County District Court No. 25CV142
Honorable Laurie K. Dean, Judge

Wendel R. Wardell, Jr.,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

John Feyen, Sheriff of Larimer County; Troy Badberg, facility administrator;
Matthew Yarberry, hearing officer; and Larimer County Detention Facility,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE MOULTRIE
Pawar and Brown, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1597
El Paso County District Court No. 17CV31927
Honorable Eric Bentley, Judge

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Francisco Serna,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1619
Elbert County District Court No. 21CV30058
Honorable Gary M. Kramer, Judge
Honorable Theresa Slade, Judge

Everitt Airport, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Everitt Airfield Association, LLC,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE DUNN
Schutz and Brenton, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1679
Arapahoe County District Court No. 23DR30847
Honorable Randall C. Arp, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Jennifer Lee Wiggs n/k/a Jennifer Lee Lohner,

Appellant,

and

Kyle William Wiggs,

Appellee.

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

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR
Taubman* and Hawthorne*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1706
City and County of Denver District Court No. 24CV547
Honorable Jon J. Olafson, Judge

Brenda Hancock,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

State of Colorado Department of Human Services,

Defendant-Appellee.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1749
Jefferson County District Court No. 24DR31086
Honorable Chantel E. Contiguglia, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Amanda Louise Lewis,

Appellee,

and

York Windsor Lewis,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division II
Opinion by JUDGE JOHNSON
Fox and Yun, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA2207
Kit Carson County District Court No. 24CV30008
Honorable Kimbra L. Killin, Judge
Honorable Justin B. Haenlein, Judge

Tim Clapper, Jerry Meyer, Sherry Weidman Meyer, Michael Bohnen, and
Legacy Farms, a Colorado general partnership,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

Mark A. Beringer,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE BRENTON
Dunn and Schutz, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA2483
Boulder County District Court No. 18DR525
Honorable Robert R. Gunning, Judge
Honorable Thomas Michael Ward, Magistrate

In re the Marriage of

Jamie Priscilla Logan,

Appellant,

and

Barclay Lloyd Logan,

Appellee.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VII
Opinion by JUDGE TAUBMAN*
Pawar and Hawthorne*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0471
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 23JV30963
Honorable Lisa Gomez, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of J.H., a Child,

and Concerning S.H.,

Appellant.

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. 26CA0586
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 22JV187
Honorable Lisa Gomez, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of M.M., M.G.M., and E.J.M.L., Children,
and Concerning A.M.L.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

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

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA0928
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 22JV30702
Honorable Laurie Clark, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of N.S.A.Z., a Child,
and Concerning A.A.Z. and A.A.,

Appellants.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division III
Opinion by JUDGE BRENTON
Schutz and Martinez*, JJ., concur

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

Court of Appeals No. 26CA1000
Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado
DD No. 1672-2026

Raul Treto,

Petitioner,

v.

Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado,

Respondent.

ORDER AFFIRMED

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

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

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

Court of Appeals No. 24CA1358

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Bryan Andrew Burkhalter,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1498 & 25CA2132

Tehuti Ma'at AmenRa Trust,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

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

Defendants-Appellees.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

Court of Appeals Nos. 25CA2132 & 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.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1660

Christopher E. Stone,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Law Office of Dailey and Pratt; Lisa Dailey; The Burnham Law Firm, P.C.; Mark Christopher Smith; Mark Anthony Law, a Colorado Corporation; Mark Anthony Barrionuevo; Melonie Deis; Diana K. May; Patrick Mazza; Iryna Mokhoshchokova, a/k/a Iryna Stone; Pauline (Polly) Brock; Matthew D. Grove; Rebecca R. Freyre; and Katherine E. Lum,

Defendants-Appellees.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

Court of Appeals No. 25CA1926

In re the Parental Responsibilities Concerning A.D. and D.D., Children,
and Concerning George Duran,

Appellant,

and

Ruby Fierro,

Appellee.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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

MODIFIED OPINIONS

Court of Appeals No. 25CA0988

In re the Marriage of

Aaron Wells Sager,

Appellant,

and

Christine Daly Sager,

Appellee.

Opinion Modified
on the Court's Own Motion

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. 2026.