



any collateral attack on Ronquillo's sentence is time-barred under RCW 10.73.090(1) unless he can show that his judgment and sentence is invalid on its face or an exception under RCW 10.73.100 applies. "Mere typographical errors easily corrected would not render a judgment invalid." In re Coats, 173 Wn.2d 123, 135, 267 P.3d 324 (2011). A miscalculated offender score may render a judgment and sentence invalid on its face. See, e.g., In re LaChapelle, 153 Wn.2d 1, 6, 100 P.3d 805 (2004).

Ronquillo claims his judgment and sentence is invalid on its face because the trial court improperly calculated his offender score under former RCW 9.94A.400(b) (LAWS OF 1990, ch. 3 § 704).<sup>1</sup> Ronquillo was convicted of first degree murder, two counts of attempted first degree murder, and second degree assault with a deadly weapon. The court calculated Ronquillo's offender score for each count as follows: 2 for the murder, 0 for each of the attempted murder counts, and 6 for the assault. Ronquillo points out that the murder and the two counts of attempted murder all have the same seriousness level. See Former RCW 9.94A.410 (LAWS OF 1986, ch. 257 § 29).<sup>2</sup> However, the sentencing court did not acknowledge this fact, or the fact that

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<sup>1</sup> Former RCW 9.94A.400(b) provided:

Whenever a person is convicted of two or more serious violent offenses, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 arising from separate and distinct criminal conduct, the sentence range for the offense with the highest seriousness level under RCW 9.94A.320 shall be determined using the offender's prior convictions and other current convictions that are not serious violent offenses in the offender score and the sentence range for other serious violent offenses shall be determined by using an offender score of zero. The sentence range for any offenses that are not serious violent offenses shall be determined according to (a) of this subsection. All sentences imposed under (b) of this subsection shall be served consecutively to each other and concurrently with sentences imposed under (a) of this subsection.

<sup>2</sup> Former RCW 9.94A.410 provided:

For persons convicted of the anticipatory offenses of criminal attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy under chapter 9A.28 RCW, the presumptive sentence is determined by

the total sentence would have been shorter if one of the attempted murder counts had been chosen as the “offense with the highest seriousness level” for the purposes of Former RCW 9.94A.400(b). Relying on Breaux and the rule of lenity, Ronquillo requests remand for resentencing.

In Breaux, the trial court imposed a sentence under RCW 9.94A.589(1)(b)<sup>3</sup> where the defendant was convicted of two serious violent offenses with the same seriousness level, first degree rape and attempted first degree rape. Breaux, 167 Wn. App. at 168. This court held,

Because there is no legislative intent to the contrary and RCW 9.94A.589(1)(b) is ambiguous where two or more serious violent offenses arguably have the same seriousness level, the rule of lenity necessitates an interpretation that favors Breaux. We conclude that the 0 scoring rule applies to Breaux's first degree rape conviction since it yields the shorter sentence.

Id.

In response, the State concedes that Ronquillo’s offender score should be recalculated and that his sentence should be restructured under Breaux and the rule of lenity. The State has filed a motion for remand to the trial court for resentencing.

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locating the sentencing grid sentence range defined by the appropriate offender score and the seriousness level of the crime, and multiplying the range by 75 percent. In calculating an offender score, count each prior conviction as if the present conviction were for the completed offense. When these convictions are used as criminal history, score them the same as a completed crime.

<sup>3</sup> Like Former RCW 9.94A.400(b), RCW 9.94A.589(b) provides: Whenever a person is convicted of two or more serious violent offenses arising from separate and distinct criminal conduct, the standard sentence range for the offense with the highest seriousness level under RCW 9.94A.515 shall be determined using the offender's prior convictions and other current convictions that are not serious violent offenses in the offender score and the standard sentence range for other serious violent offenses shall be determined by using an offender score of zero. The standard sentence range for any offenses that are not serious violent offenses shall be determined according to (a) of this subsection. All sentences imposed under (b) of this subsection

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We accept the State's concession, grant the petition, and remand for resentencing consistent with Breaux.

For the court:

Speadman, A.C.J.  
Veal, J.  
Dyck, J.

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