

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

HENRY ALBERT MOORE JR.,

Defendant-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

November 23, 2021

No. 354280

Eaton Circuit Court

LC No. 18-020012-FH

Before: RICK, P.J., and RONAYNE KRAUSE and LETICA, JJ.

RICK, J. (*concurring*).

I write to concur in the result only.

While the trial court’s close friend (whom the court referenced at the defendant’s probation violation hearing) may not have come home from war with significant mental health wounds, defendant did. It is not a personal failing. It is, tragically, a price paid by many men and women in uniform, particularly those who fought on the front lines in Afghanistan and Iraq. See American Addiction Center, *Alcohol Abuse Among Veterans*, <https://americanaddictioncenters.org/alcoholism-treatment/alcoholism-among-veterans> (findings include (a) that increased exposure to trauma, violence, and combat increases military personnel’s risk of problematic drinking, and veterans diagnosed with PTSD and alcoholism are more likely to binge drink, and (b) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) estimates that between 37 and 50 percent of Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans are diagnosed with some form of mental health condition)(accessed October 22, 2021). This in no way excuses assaultive conduct. However, it offers a glimpse into the complexity and magnitude that traumatic experiences can have on those whose trauma goes untreated. See Van der Kolk, *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma* (New York: Penguin Publishing Group, 2015).

/s/ Michelle M. Rick