

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

DEBRA LOUISE WINTON,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

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v

WILLIAM RUSSELL WINTON,
Defendant-Appellant.

No. 301963
Dickinson Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 09-015675-DO

Before: MURPHY, C.J., and SAWYER and HOEKSTRA, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Defendant appeals as of right from the parties' judgment of divorce. Plaintiff and defendant were married in 1996, and plaintiff filed for divorce on May 18, 2009. The parties' dispute below primarily concerned how property should be divided and whether certain property was marital or separate. We affirm.

On appeal, defendant contends that the trial court erred in its division of the property, but has not provided any cogent argument to demonstrate that the division was based on error of law or fact. He does not identify what specific findings of fact were made or how they were clearly erroneous, does not point to contrary evidence that undermines those findings, and does not explain how those allegedly erroneous findings undermined the validity of the property settlement. He merely concludes that error occurred without providing any legal or factual support. An appellant must do more than "simply to announce a position or assert an error and then leave it up to this Court to discover and rationalize the basis for his claims, or unravel and elaborate for him his arguments, and then search for authority either to sustain or reject his position." *Mitcham v Detroit*, 355 Mich 182, 203; 94 NW2d 388 (1959). Accordingly, we hold that defendant's issues have been abandoned.¹

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy
/s/ David H. Sawyer
/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

¹ As for defendant's assertion that plaintiff has not turned over all of his firearms as ordered, we note that the trial court is the proper forum for resolving the matter.