IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT HURON COUNTY

Norwalk MK., Inc. d.b.a. Kasper

Court of Appeals No. H-05-026

Chevoret Buick

Trial Court No. CIV 0401535

Appellee

v.

Darlyss H. McCormick

DECISION AND JUDGMENT ENTRY

Appellant Decided: April 24, 2006

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William W. Owens, for appellee.

Thomas J. Stoll, for appellant.

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PER CURIAM

- {¶1} Appellee, Norwalk MK., Inc., has filed a motion to dismiss the appeal filed by Darlyss H. McCormick alleging that it is frivolous. McCormick filed a memorandum in opposition. We find the motion not well taken.
- {¶2} A claim of a frivolous appeal under App.R. 23 is not a grounds for dismissal of an appeal, rather, it is a basis on which the court can award sanctions against

the party filing the frivolous appeal. The court cannot determine whether an appeal is frivolous prior to hearing the appeal on its merits after full briefing and review of the record. Accordingly, the court denies the motion to dismiss. Appellee can file a motion for sanctions under App.R. 23 which the court will consider at the time the case is decided on its merits.

 $\{\P 3\}$ It is so ordered.

Peter M. Handwork, J.	
	JUDGE
Mark L. Pietrykowski, J.	
Arlene Singer, P.J. CONCUR.	JUDGE
	JUDGE

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