

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

State of Ohio

Court of Appeals No. WD-10-008

Appellee

Trial Court No. 2008CR0529

v.

Cory Mendoza aka Waltz

DECISION AND JUDGMENT

Appellant

Decided: May 26, 2011

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Mollie B. Hojnicky, for appellant.

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PER CURIAM.

{¶ 1} This matter is before the court on appellant Cory Mendoza's motion for appointment of counsel for the purpose of appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio. In *State v. Mendoza*, 6th Dist. No. WD-10-008, 2011-Ohio-1971, we affirmed appellant's judgment of conviction of two counts of aggravated vehicular homicide, two counts of aggravated vehicular assault, one count of operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence, one count of endangering children, one count of failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer and one count of failure to stop after an accident.

{¶ 2} An indigent defendant has the right to appointed counsel at every stage of criminal proceedings through an appeal as of right. The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution; Section 10, Article I, Ohio Constitution; Crim.R. 44. However, there is no constitutional right to appointed counsel for a discretionary appeal. *Ross v. Moffitt* (1974), 417 U.S. 600; *State v. Watts* (1989), 57 Ohio App.3d 32, 33.

{¶ 3} An appeal by appellant to the Ohio Supreme Court in this case would be discretionary. S.Ct.Prac.R. II(1)(A)(1)-(3). Thus, appointment of counsel is unwarranted. This motion is therefore not well-taken and is denied.

MOTION DENIED.

Mark L. Pietrykowski, J.

JUDGE

Arlene Singer, J.

JUDGE

Thomas J. Osowik, P.J.

CONCUR.

JUDGE

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