

THE STATE OF OHIO, APPELLANT, v. PATTON, APPELLEE.

[Cite as *State v. Patton* (1998), ___ Ohio St.3d ____.]

Criminal procedure — Classification as sexual predator — Court of appeals' judgment reversed and trial court's finding that defendant is a sexual predator reinstated on authority of State v. Cook.

(No. 97-2318 — Submitted October 13, 1998 — Decided November 18, 1998.)

APPEAL from the Court of Appeals for Union County, No. 14-97-13.

R. Larry Schneider, Union County Prosecuting Attorney, and *Rick Rodger*, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, for appellant.

The judgment of the court of appeals is reversed on the authority of *State v. Cook* (1998), 83 Ohio St.3d 404, 700 N.E.2d 570.

The trial court's finding that Jerry L. Patton is a sexual predator is reinstated.

MOYER, C.J., DOUGLAS, RESNICK, F.E. SWEENEY, PFEIFER, COOK and LUNDBERG STRATTON, JJ., concur.