

PDR GRANTED ISSUES

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ISSUES GRANTED APRIL 2, 2026

25-0715

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NUMERICAL LISTING WITH ISSUES GRANTED

22-0581/0582

MONTGOMERY, BEECHER

08/21/24

**EVADING ARREST
THEFT**

APPELLANT'S

2. The Second Court of Appeals decided an important question of federal law that conflicts with Court of Criminal Appeals decisions when it held that Appellant's Sixth Amendment right to confront witnesses was not violated by having a virtual hearing on a motion to adjudicate guilt and subsequent sentencing hearing despite his request to be physically present before and during the proceedings

23-0894

PITTMAN, ANDELL BRYMONTE

09/24/25

BURGLARY

STATE'S

1. Since the appeal was abated, can this Court review the decision below, or is it effectively prevented from ever reviewing the statutory issue?
2. Under Article 42.03 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, does "presence" mean physical presence in the courtroom or is videoconference allowed?
3. Assuming error, is a defendant harmed simply because he heard his sentence over videoconference rather than in person?
4. Assuming harmful error, is an entirely new sentencing hearing required when Article 42.03 only instructs that the sentence be pronounced in the defendant's presence?

24-0300

MASON, CRYSTAL

08/21/24

ILLEGAL VOTING

STATE'S

(1) Did the appellate court misapply the legal sufficiency standard of review by:

- crediting Appellant's self-serving testimony which the trial court reasonably could have disregarded; and/or
- resolving an ambiguity in Appellant's testimony in Appellant's favor; and/or
- reweighing evidence in favor of the defense; and/or
- ignoring evidence that supported the verdict; and/or
- applying sufficiency analyses long rejected by this Court; and/or
- failing to view the evidence in the light most favorable to the verdict.

24-0617-0658

KLEINMAN, MICHAEL

10/23/24

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

STATE'S

1. Can appellate jurisdiction be "substantially" invoked by an appeal bond that does not comply with all statutory requirements?

2. Did the court of appeals err when it interpreted “may” to mean “shall” in Code of Criminal Appeals article 44.15, depriving appellate courts discretion by requiring them to allow amendment or substitution of defective appeal bonds?

24-0790

BLOXHAM, THOMAS JOSEPH

01/22/25

THEFT

STATE’S

1. Can a court determine that the State’s use of immunized testimony violated *Kastigar v. United States*, 406 U.S. 441 (1972), without knowing the substance of that immunized testimony?
2. What is the proper framework to use for presentation and review of a *Kastigar* claim, including invocation, burden of proof, harm analysis, and remedy?

24-0832

LAMBERT, JASON CURTIS

11/20/24

SEXUAL ASSAULT

APPELLEE’S

1. Did the appeals court lose jurisdiction when Stephen Tyler, an assistant district attorney of Jackson County, rather than Pamela E. Guenther, the elected district attorney of Jackson County, filed the notice of appeal? (13 Court of Appeals’ case events dated 1-29-2024).
2. Did the appeals court regain its jurisdiction when the elected district attorney filed its corrected notice of appeal, January 29, 2024, 41 days after the trial court’s order of December 19, 2023 granting Petitioner a new trial? (C.R., pgs. 270-271).
3. Did the appeals court err, April 19, 2024, when it, by an order en banc, denied Petitioner’s motion to dismiss State’s appeal for want of jurisdiction? (13 Court of Appeals’ case events dated 4-19-2024).

24-0850-0852

PEREZ, GILBERTO

01/29/25

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

MURDER

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

APPELLEE’S

1. The lower court’s opinion arguing that the plain-view doctrine is equivalent to standing and can be raised for the first time on appeal creates a split amongst the appellate courts that must be resolved by this Court. *State v. Elrod*, 395 S.W.3d 869 (Tex. App.—Austin 2013).
2. Is the plain-view doctrine equivalent to a standing issue that falls within the waiver exception, allowing the State to raise it for the first time on appeal?
3. Did the appellate court afford the trial court proper deference in overturning its order based on a legal theory the trial court was not given an opportunity to rule on?
4. Did the appellate court erroneously apply the plain-view doctrine?
5. Did the appellate court erroneously apply the independent source doctrine?
6. Did the appellate court err in overruling the trial court’s finding that the arrest warrant for possession was not supported by probable cause?
7. Did the appellate court err in finding the trial court owed the magistrate’s finding deference where the warrant affidavit was based on illegally obtained information?

24-0866

SUAREZ, SAUL LEE

01/29/25

MURDER

STATE'S

A majority of the court of appeals erred in finding that the lead detective was not reasonable in believing that Appellee's mother had apparent authority to consent to the search of her apartment, including Appellee's bedroom.

24-0877

TAYLOR, DYLAN EUGENE

01/22/25

POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY A FELON

STATE'S

The Court of Appeals erred in interpreting this Court's prior rulings to require strict, mechanical compliance with inventory policy, putting it at odds with other courts of appeal holding the contrary.

24-1052

TRACY, SHANE BYRON

02/26/25

SEXUAL PERFORMANCE BY A CHILD

STATE'S

1. Does "inducing a child to engage in sexual conduct" for purposes of sexual performance by a child require the child's consent or some measurable degree of participation?
2. If the evidence was insufficient to prove the completed offense, did the court of appeals properly state and apply the standard for reformation to attempted sexual performance by a child?

25-0006

MCDONALD, AMANDA

03/12/25

**FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID
INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER**

STATE'S

Whether the court of appeals erred when [it] held that McDonald enjoyed a Sixth Amendment right to counsel ten years after an initial investigation resulted in a grand jury no-bill?

25-0074

WEAVER, QUALON DESHON

04/09/25

EVADING ARREST WITH VEHICLE

STATE'S

1. What role, if any, do a defendant's personal experiences play in the determination of whether his perception of imminent harm is reasonable?
2. Are the reasonableness of both a defendant's perception of necessity and his response wholly within the discretion of the jury, or can a court decide either is unreasonable as a matter of law?
3. Must a harm analysis for charge error consider the likelihood that the outcome would have been different had the

jury been properly instructed?

4. Was appellant entitled to an instruction on necessity and, if so, a new trial?

25-0135/0136

JAIMES, YOCELIN PEREZ

05/28/25

INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

STATE'S

1. Should *Cook v. State*, 884 S.W.2d 485 (Tex. Crim. App. 1994), be overruled to the extent it holds that failing to limit the mental state definitions to the right conduct-element is error even when the jury charge otherwise leaves no doubt what the mental state requires?
3. Should failure to limit the abstract definition result in some harm in the absence of anyone telling jurors they could convict on something less than the offense requires?

25-0147

MCDONALD, MADISON

07/02/25

CAPITAL MURDER

APPELLANT'S

1. The Court of Appeals erred by approving the trial court's decision to allow the State to use illegally obtained evidence through its insanity expert because: (1) McDonald's objection to the testimony and behavior of the State's insanity expert was properly preserved and presented on appeal; and (2) the constitutional harm of the testimony was proven. (Issue 6).

25-0181

RODRIGUEZ, CARLOS DAVID

05/21/25

AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD

APPELLANT'S

Did the Court of Appeals error [sic] in holding the trial court did not abuse its discretion in excluding evidence of JG's prior sexual assault allegations that resulted in her sister getting to live with her grandmother?

25-0202

STALEY, JAMES IRVEN III

12/11/25

CAPITAL MURDER

APPELLANT'S

1. When assessing a probable-cause nexus, should Texas adopt the distinction in *Commonwealth v. Fernandes*, 148 N.E.3d 361 (Mass. 2020) (cert. denied), between (1) stranger-on-stranger crimes (like *State v. Baldwin*, 664 S.W.3d 122 (Tex. Crim. App. 2022)) and (2) household-violence homicides where affidavits describe fraught relationships and where devices found in the same home as the relationships and crimes will likely reveal a "clear window into the nature" of those relationships and thus the offense (like here)?
2. Given the trial court's finding that officers relied on the warrant in good faith, the evidence was admissible under the Fourth Amendment and excludable—if at all—only under Texas's statutory rule. Did the court of appeals violate *Holder v. State*, 639 S.W.3d 704 (Tex. Crim. App. 2022) (disavowing *Love*), by applying the constitutional-error harm standard of rule 44.2(a)?

3. Did the court of appeals violate Long v. State, 203 S.W.3d 352 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006), by reversing a conviction for evidentiary error without engaging with the remaining evidence beyond a bald statement that “other evidence” existed? Further, given that the unaddressed evidence overwhelmingly supported the conviction, was the error harmless under any standard?

25-0221 **DUDAS, JOHN RICHARD** **06/11/25**

MURDER

APPELLANT’S

Does a jury instruction on self-defense using deadly force preclude one on necessity?

25-0233 **STOCKER, JAMIN KIDRON** **02/26/26**

CAPITAL MURDER

APPELLANT’S

Does a search warrant affidavit provide probable cause to obtain the contents of Appellant's cell phone when the facts relied on to establish a nexus between the phone and a crime under investigation consist of an anonymous, unverified tip?

COURT’S OWN MOTION

On the Court's own motion: Does the search warrant affidavit in Appellant's case establish a nexus between the cell phone and the criminal activity under investigation under State v. Baldwin, 664 S.W.3d 122 (Tex. Crim. App. 2022)?

25-0358 **MEJIA, FABIAN** **07/30/25**

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

STATE’S

1. Does testimony of a narrowly limited portion of an interview mislead jurors and necessitate the admission of more of the interview to answer broader, unasked questions under Rule 107?

3. What standard for harm should be used when evaluating error regarding admissibility of evidence?

25-0449 **BAPTISTE, SHEDRICK JOSEPH** **09/24/25**

INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

APPELLANT’S

Article V, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution gives district judges “judicial power” to hear and determine felony cases. Associate judges have no “judicial power.” Nevertheless, the Legislature has authorized associate judges in Harris County to conduct voir dire and determine the makeup of a jury. Is the selection of a jury an ultimate judicial determination that only a district judge can make?

25-0452 **COLLINS, NATHAN GENE** **10/16/25**

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

APPELLANT'S

1. In holding that a defendant can be "convicted of illegal weapon possession and simultaneously subject to a deadly weapon finding" in the absence of a collateral felony to which the finding could attach, the Seventh Court of Appeals' decision conflicts with those of its sister courts; thus necessitating a review by this Court to resolve the issue. Tex. R. App. P. 66.3(a).
2. The Court of Appeals' decision regarding the propriety of the trial court's inclusion in the judgment against Respondent of a deadly weapon finding when there was no associated felony to which that finding could be attached conflicts with this Court's decision in *Plummer v. State*, and, thus, should be reviewed by the Court. Tex. R. App. P. 66.3(c).

25-0479

WILLIAMS, KENDARIUS

11/20/25

MURDER

APPELLANT'S

2. Can two extraneous shootings be admitted in a murder trial as same-transaction contextual evidence, when the undisputed testimony from an accomplice proved they were unrelated to the charged offense?
3. Can those same shootings be admitted to rebut a "defensive theory" that was raised by the State?
4. Does an appellate court err in holding that evidence of extraneous shootings is more probative than prejudicial because it tends to prove the defendant acted in conformity with that evidence?
5. Can photographs and Instagram posts related to firearms be admitted in a murder trial when that evidence either is not related to the offense, or is not related to the defendant?

25-0510

BARBER, GRADY JACK

11/06/25

INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER

APPELLEE'S

2. Is an officer authorized to make an arrest for an alleged offense as "within his presence or view" when he has probable cause to arrest due to his post-incident investigation, even though the alleged offense occurred neither in his actual presence nor in his actual view?

25-0523

NGUYEN, DE H

01/22/26

FELONY MURDER

APPELLANT'S

Did the Court of Appeals err by treating Wells as binding authority rather than a hodgepodge of conflicting opinions with no controlling majority?

STATE'S

3. If this Court grants review of Defendant-Appellant's petition, before even reaching any advisory Wells issues, should it first recognize that the third-party doctrine independently supports affirming Appellant's judgment?

25-0526

YOUNG, MARTIN

10/30/25

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

STATE’S

When an appellant makes multiple arguments against a trial court's ruling and pursues only one on appeal, can the court of appeals properly ignore that argument, assume the trial court was right about an abandoned argument, and affirm?

25-0538

COLUMBUS, BRYAN WILLIAM

10/16/25

ASSAULT

APPELLANT’S

1. Given the distinct “make” and “enter” textual requirements of Article 42.013, and the due process functions they serve, did the court of appeals err in deciding that an affirmative finding of family-violence [AFFV] may appear for the first time in a written judgment even if a defendant receives no opportunity to object before the finding is entered on a judgment?
2. Given the largely irrevocable and decidedly harmful consequences that flow directly from the entry of an AFFV, did the court of appeals err in deciding that such a finding is not part of a defendant’s sentence?

25-0541

BARRERA, GREG ANTHONY III

01/29/26

MURDER

APPELLANT’S

1. Should the inquiry for motive to testify for the State be limited to the existence of criminal proceedings against a witness?

COURT’S OWN MOTION

2. On the Court’s own motion: Should the Court reconsider or clarify any aspect of its decision in *Irby v. State*, 327 S.W.3d 138 (Tex. Crim. App. 2010)?

25-0556

GARCIA, ROBERTO

10/09/25

ASSAULT

APPELLANT’S

2. The court of appeals erred in its holding that the two Olivias, O.L. and O.G., [were] one and the same.

25-0574

HAMMONS, HOUSTON SAMUEL

10/30/25

ASSAULT—FAMILY VIOLENCE—BY IMPEDING BREATH OR CIRCULATION

APPELLANT’S

The Sixth Court of Appeals erred in holding that a point of error briefed on direct appeal was waived for failing to brief harm.

25-0621

MADAS, NITIN KUMAR

01/15/26

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

STATE'S

1. Contrary to the court of appeals's holding, review of the video shows appellant's consent to search was voluntary and nothing like the oppressive 4-on-1 situation described in Carmouche v. State, 10 S.W.3d 323 (Tex. Crim. App. 2000).

25-0643/0644

MASON, PAUL DAVID

01/29/26

POSSESSION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER

COURT'S OWN MOTION

On the Court's own motion: Should the Court reconsider or clarify any aspect of its decision in Ex parte Delaney, 207 S.W.3d 794 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006)?

25-0651

CRUMLEY, JOHN PAUL

01/22/26

ONLINE SOLICITATION OF A MINOR

APPELLANT'S

1. Did the appellate court err by applying the heightened "directly-rebut-or-truly negate" requirement for mental-disease evidence to the defendant's brothers' testimony, which consisted of observational evidence of his tendency to think a certain way and his behavioral characteristics and background evidence supporting his defense?

25-0692

WILLIAMS, JEMADARI CHINUA

01/29/26

AGGRAVATED PROMOTION OF PROSTITUTION

STATE'S

1. The Court of Appeals erred by bypassing all of the procedural bars raised by the State without explanation or valid legal justification.

2. The Court of Appeals erred by granting relief on a claim that wasn't raised and was without merit.

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03/05/26

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

STATE’S

1. Does submission of an instruction on provoking the difficulty, Tex. Penal Code § 9.31(b)(4), require evidence that the difficulty was a scheme to manufacture a claim of self-defense?
2. If so, should the jury be given non-statutory instructions on the pretextual nature of the provocation?

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