

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

November 26, 2025

Megan K. Cavanagh,
Chief Justice

168669

Brian K. Zahra
Richard H. Bernstein
Elizabeth M. Welch
Kyra H. Bolden
Kimberly A. Thomas
Noah P. Hood,
Justices

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

SC: 168669
COA: 371943
Wayne CC: 23-006272-FH

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL THOMSON,
Defendant-Appellant.

By order of September 26, 2025, the plaintiff was directed to answer the application for leave to appeal the April 28, 2025 judgment of the Court of Appeals. On order of the Court, the answer having been received, the application for leave to appeal is again considered and, pursuant to MCR 7.305(I)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REVERSE the judgment of the Court of Appeals. As noted by dissenting Judge Garrett, the search-warrant affidavit failed to connect the firearms and firearm-related items listed in the search warrant with the suspected criminal activity. Therefore, there was not probable cause to believe “that contraband or evidence of a crime will be found in a particular place.” *Illinois v Gates*, 462 US 213, 238 (1983). Further, as noted by Judge Garrett, the affidavit was so lacking in indicia of probable cause that reliance on it was objectively unreasonable. There were no allegations that the defendant used a firearm to commit a crime. Therefore, the good-faith exception to the exclusionary rule did not apply and the trial court erred in denying the defendant’s motion to suppress. See *People v Goldston*, 470 Mich 523, 531 (2004). We REMAND this case to the Wayne Circuit Court for further proceedings not inconsistent with this order.

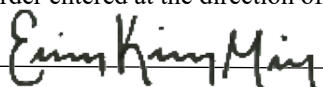
We do not retain jurisdiction.



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I, Elizabeth Kingston-Miller, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

November 26, 2025


Clerk