# Appellate Court Decisions –week of 9/15/25

*Note: This is not a comprehensive list of every case released this week.*

## First Appellate District of Ohio

***State v. Hill*, C-240617**

**Suppression; search of person**

**Full Decision: (No web cite as of yet).**

**Trial court erred when it denied appellant's MTS the full search of his person and pockets which yielded the discovery of cocaine. Although the COA found that appellant voluntarily responded to the questioning of the police officer about the contents of his pocket containing a small, legal amount of marijuana, "[t]he State offered no other facts at the suppression hearing to justify Huntington's intrusion into [appellant's] pockets besides his possession of marijuana. This does not amount to probable cause." Denial of MTS reversed, and case remanded.**

## Second Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Third Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Fourth Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Fifth Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Sixth Appellate District of Ohio

***State v. Williams*, 2025-Ohio-4352**

**Clerical error**

**Full Decision:**
**https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/6/2025/2025-Ohio-4352.pdf**

**Convictions affirmed. Case remanded solely for correction of clerical error in sentencing entry where conviction for trafficking in marijuana was a felony of the fourth degree but was mistakenly reflected as a third-degree felony. Trial court shall issue "a nunc pro tunc entry which conforms with the sentence imposed upon [appellant] at the sentencing hearing."**

## Seventh Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Eighth Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Ninth Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Tenth Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Eleventh Appellate District of Ohio

***State v. Miller*, 2025-Ohio-4328**

**Suppression; FST's and probable cause**

**Full Decision:**
**https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/11/2025/2025-Ohio-4328.pdf**

**In state's appeal, trial court did not err in granting appellee's motion to suppress. There was no probable cause to arrest appellee for OVI where there were "multiple deficiencies in the field sobriety tests" and "defects in the manner in which the tests were performed and evaluated." Court also found that there were "few facts that directly demonstrate alcohol consumption in contrast to merely driving at night to pick up a friend from a bar." Judgment affirmed.**

***State v. Siniff*, 2025-Ohio-4327**

**Clerical error**

**Full Decision:**
**https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/11/2025/2025-Ohio-4327.pdf**

**Convictions affirmed. Case remanded solely for correction of clerical error in sentencing entry. Trial court shall issue "a nunc pro tunc entry indicating that collection of [a]ppellant's *fine* will be limited to $5 per month while Appellant is incarcerated" as opposed to the collection of *costs* being limited.**

***State v. Karpovitch*, 2025-Ohio-4323**

**Reagan Tokes/mandatory fine**

**Full Decision:**
**https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/11/2025/2025-Ohio-4323.pdf**

**Convictions for drug offenses affirmed. However, trial court erred by failing to provide all the required notifications pursuant to R.C. 2929.19(B)(2)(c) and by not stating the aggregate minimum and maximum prison term it imposed pursuant to R.C. 2929.144(C). Finally, defense counsel was ineffective for failing to file an affidavit of indigency in one of the two cases to avoid the mandatory fine (the fine was avoided in the second case where defense counsel did file an affidavit). Mandatory fine is vacated, and case remanded for limited resentencing and for the trial court "to reconsider the imposition of a mandatory fine . . . ."**

## Twelfth Appellate District of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Supreme Court of Ohio

***Nothing to report.***

## Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

***Nothing to report.***

## Supreme Court of the United States

***Nothing to report.***