Appellate Court Decisions –week of 7/27/26

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

First Appellate District of Ohio

***State v. Crawford*, C-250408**

First Amendment/panhandling

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

Appellant's conviction for standing on a highway for the purpose of soliciting contributions from a vehicle in violation of R.C. 4511.51(B)(1) is reversed, and appellant discharged from further prosecution. COA holds that such statute violates the First Amendment because it is a content-based restriction, subject to strict scrutiny, and "the State failed to meet its burden to establish the harms due to solicitation in the streets or that the statute alleviates those harms in the least-restrictive way."

Second 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

***State v. Feagin*, 2026-Ohio-2886**

Guilty plea

Full Decision:
https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/5/2026/2026-Ohio-2886.pdf

Appellant's guilty pleas to various drug offenses were not entered knowingly, intelligently, nor voluntarily where the trial court failed to

advise him of the constitutional rights he was giving up by pleading guilty. State concedes error. Convictions vacated, and case remanded.

Sixth Appellate District of Ohio

Nothing to report.

Seventh Appellate District of Ohio

Nothing to report.

Eighth Appellate District of Ohio

***State v. Burgin*, 2026-Ohio-2826**

Guilty plea

Full Decision:
https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/8/2026/2026-Ohio-2826.pdf

Appellant's guilty pleas to, inter alia, felonious assault with gun specifications, were not entered knowingly, intelligently, nor voluntarily where the trial court failed to advise him of the constitutional rights he was giving up by pleading guilty. State concedes error. Convictions vacated, and case remanded.

Ninth Appellate District of Ohio

Nothing to report.

Tenth Appellate District of Ohio

Nothing to report.

Eleventh Appellate District of Ohio

Nothing to report.

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.