Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

People of MI v Amy Tillman

Amy Ronayne Krause Presiding Judge

Docket No.

341179

Michael J. Kelly

LC No.

17-000356-FH

Michael F. Gadola Judges

In lieu of granting leave to appeal, the Court orders pursuant to MCR 7.205(E)(2) that the Ingham Circuit Court's October 16, 2017 order changing venue to Wayne Circuit Court is REVERSED and the matter is REMANDED to the Ingham Circuit Court for further proceedings consistent with this order. MCL 400.611(1) permits the attorney general pursing an action under the Medicaid False Claim Act, MCL 600.601 *et seq.*, to file suit in Ingham County. To obtain a change of venue where venue is proper, a party to a criminal case must show good cause for doing so. MCL 762.7. Good cause exists where the ability of a party to receive a fair trial is compromised in the chosen venue. *In re Attorney General*, 129 Mich App 128, 135; 341 NW2d 253 (1983). It cannot be based on the convenience of the parties or witnesses. *Id.* The trial court here erred in sua sponte changing venue based on the convenience to defendant.

This order is to have immediate effect. MCR 7.215(F)(2).

This Court retains no further jurisdiction.

A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

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