

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

ROSS JAMES WINSKAS,

Defendant-Appellant.

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April 1, 1997

No. 187040

Ottawa Circuit Court

LC No. 94-018546-FH

Before: D.F. Walsh,\* P.J., and R.P. Griffin\*\* and W.P. Cynar,\* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Defendant pleaded guilty to forgery of an instrument, MCL 750.248; MSA 28.445, and habitual offender, third offense, MCL 769.11; MSA 28.1083. He was sentenced to 8-1/3 to 28 years' imprisonment, and now appeals as of right. We affirm. This case has been decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(A).

Defendant's sentence does not violate the principle of proportionality given his lengthy criminal history, his status as a parolee at the time of the commission of the instant offense, and the benefits bestowed on him by the plea agreement. *People v Milbourn*, 435 Mich 630; 461 NW2d 1 (1990).

Affirmed.

/s/ Daniel F. Walsh

/s/ Robert P. Griffin

/s/ Walter P. Cynar

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\*Former Court of Appeals judges, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment pursuant to Administrative Order 1996-10.

\*\*Former Supreme Court justice, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment pursuant to Administrative Order 1996-10.