

**Court of Appeals, State of Michigan**

**ORDER**

People of MI v James David Johnston

Docket No. 281342

LC No. 2007-002324 FH

Kurtis T. Wilder  
Presiding Judge

Brian K. Zahra

Kirsten Frank Kelly  
Judges

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In lieu of granting the delayed application for leave to appeal, pursuant to MCR 7.205(D)(2), the Court VACATES that portion of the sentence that ordered the defendant to pay attorney fees, and we REMAND this case to the trial court. The court erred in ordering defendant to pay attorney fees without first assessing his ability to pay. *People v Dunbar*, 264 Mich App 240, 252-256; 690 NW2d 476 (2004). On remand, the court shall address defendant's current and future financial circumstances and foreseeable ability to reimburse the county for attorney fees before determining whether he should pay those fees. At the trial court's discretion, the decision may be made based on the record without the need for a formal evidentiary hearing. *Id.*

We do not retain jurisdiction.



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