

Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

PEOPLE OF MI V ALBERT THOMAS

Docket No. 284025

LC No. 06-012314-FH

Karen M. Fort Hood
Presiding Judge

Helene N. White

Christopher M. Murray
Judges

In lieu of granting the delayed application for leave to appeal with regard to the attorney fee issue, pursuant to MCR 7.205(D)(2), the Court VACATES that portion of the sentence that ordered defendant to pay attorney fees, and REMANDS this case to the trial court. The trial court erred in ordering defendant to pay attorney fees without first assessing defendant's ability to pay. *People v Dunbar*, 264 Mich App 240, 252-256; 690 NW2d 476 (2004). On remand, the trial court shall address defendant's current and future financial circumstances and foreseeable ability to reimburse the county for attorney fees before determining whether defendant 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.* In all other respects, the delayed application for leave to appeal is DENIED for lack of merit in the grounds presented.

We do not retain jurisdiction.



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