

TRIAL NO. 2024CR03226
APPEAL NO. _____
RELATED APPEALS _____

Court of Appeals of Ohio Second Appellate District

CRIMINAL DOCKET STATEMENT

DIRECT APPEAL CROSS-APPEAL JOINT APPEAL

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CASE CAPTION	
_____ VERSUS _____	
State of Ohio	Jonathan Link
Plaintiff-Appellant / Appellee (Circle Designation)	Defendant-Appellant / Appellee (Circle Designation)
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HISTORY OF THE CASE: (Check appropriate box and provide requested information)

TRIAL COURT Montgomery Cty Common Pleas Ct DATES: JUDGMENT APPEALED 1-22-26 NOTICE OF APPEAL 2-3-26

COUNSEL APPOINTED FOR TRIAL? Yes No APPEAL: Yes No

IS SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL REQUESTED FOR APPEAL? Yes No

WAS STAY OF SENTENCE GRANTED BY THE TRIAL COURT? Yes No

IS A STAY REQUESTED OF THE COURT OF APPEALS: Yes No EXPEDITED PER LOC. R. 2.8(A)? Yes No

NATURE OF THE CASE:

MISDEMEANOR (TRIAL) FELONY (TRIAL) GUILTY/NO CONTEST PLEA

CHARGE Murder SENTENCE 15 years to life

PROBATION REVOCATION PRIOR CHARGE _____ SENTENCE _____

APPEAL BY STATE (R.C. 2945.67) OF RIGHT WITH LEAVE OF COURT (Discretionary) APP. R. 5 (Leave to file delayed appeal)

POST-CONVICTION RELIEF (R.C. 2953.21) WAS A HEARING HELD IN THE TRIAL COURT? Yes No Date _____

PROBABLE ISSUE(S) FOR REVIEW _____
Evidence issues, jury instructions and Pretrial rulings

THE RECORD (Indicate the type of record to be filed):

SUMMARY OF DOCKET AND JOURNAL ENTRIES ONLY (No transcript, App. R. 9(C) statement, or agreed statement will be filed).

STATEMENT OF THE RECORD PURSUANT TO APP. R. 9(C) AGREED STATEMENT OF THE RECORD PURSUANT TO APP. R. 9(D)

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS: Full Partial - (If partial, designate parts/dates of hearing) _____

NAME OF THE COURT REPORTER: _____ **PROJECTED DATE FOR FILING TRANSCRIPT:** _____

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USE THIS SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL ATTORNEYS

Jacob Mosher, State of Ohio	
Richard Smith, Sate of Ohio	

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO

CASE NO: 2024 CR 03226

Plaintiff,

JUDGE STEVEN K. DANKOF

-vs-

TERMINATION ENTRY

JONATHAN ERIC LINK

Convicted of Count 1: MURDER (purposeful)(unclass)
and Count 2: MURDER (proximate result)(unclass) by
Defendant herein having been found guilty by Jury Trial.

Defendant.

DOB: 07/18/1964

SSN [REDACTED]

Defendant herein having been found guilty by Jury Trial to the offenses of **COUNT 1: MURDER (purposeful) – 2903.02(A) (unclassified felony)** and **COUNT 2: MURDER (proximate result) – 2903.11(A)(1) (unclassified felony)**, was brought before the Court, with Counsel, for sentencing on **December 23, 2025**.

The Court finds that Counts 1 and 2 merge. The State elects sentencing on Count 1.

The Court has reviewed and considered a written report of a pre-sentence investigation submitted by the Pretrial and Investigative Services Department of this Court and has considered the factors under Sections 2929.11, 2929.12, 2929.13 and 2929.19, as well as all other relevant provisions of the Ohio Revised Code relating to sentencing. It is the JUDGMENT and SENTENCE of the Court that Defendant herein be delivered to the **CORRECTIONAL RECEPTION CENTER** there to be imprisoned and confined for a **MANDATORY** term of **FIFTEEN (15) YEARS to LIFE**.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC), Section 2929.13(F), a prison term is mandatory in this case. Defendant is not eligible for earned days of credit or judicial release due to the mandatory sentence.

Defendant is to receive credit for **345** days spent in confinement as of the date of sentencing stated above.

The Court notifies Defendant that, as part of this sentence, on **COUNT 1: MURDER (purposeful) – 2903.02(A) (unclassified felony)**, Defendant **WILL** be subject to **LIFETIME** supervision by the Parole Board after Defendant's release from imprisonment.

Should the defendant violate any post-release control sanction or any law, the adult parole board may impose more restrictive sanctions, may increase the length of post-release control, or could impose up to an additional nine (9) month prison term for each violation for a total of up to fifty percent (50%) of the original sentence imposed by the court. If the violation of the sanction is a felony, in addition to being prosecuted and sentenced for the new felony, that sentencing court or the adult parole board may impose a prison term for the violation of post-release control, pursuant to R.C. 2967.28.

VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION

The Court advised Defendant of his requirement duties to register with the Violent Offender Registration data base (SB 231 effective 3/20/19) upon release from prison, annually for a period of 10 years as required by Senate Bill #231.

COSTS OF PROSECUTION:

JUDGMENT is hereby ENTERED against Defendant for the following costs of prosecution:

Court costs, including jury costs, if any, to be paid in an amount to be determined by the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts.

Defendant is further ordered to pay \$30 as required by R.C. 2743.70, to be transmitted to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Reparations Fund. This financial sanction is non-waivable and not subject to credit through community service.

RESTITUTION

Dennis Lieberman, attorney for Defendant, expressly waived his client's appearance regarding the resolution of the restitution amount to be ordered.

The Court has received and reviewed the Parties' respective filings regarding restitution which indicate they are in agreement that restitution in the amount of \$808.00 should be ordered. Thus, the Defendant is ordered to make complete restitution to the Ohio Attorney General's Victim of Crime Compensation Fund for economic loss in the *agreed* amount of **\$808.00**, to be paid through the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts. The Montgomery County Clerk of Courts is hereby ordered to distribute any funds received from the Defendant to the Ohio Attorney General's Victim of Crime Compensation Fund until the full amount ordered in restitution is paid, before distributing any funds received to court cost.

JUDGMENT is hereby ENTERED against Defendant in favor of the Ohio Attorney General's Victim of Crime Compensation Fund for Restitution in the *agreed* amount of \$808.00 as and for restitution.

The Court fully explained Defendant's appellate rights, and Defendant informed the Court that said rights were understood.

BOND IS RELEASED.

JUDGE STEVEN K. DANKOF

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney: Lynda Dodd, Jacob Mosher, & Richard Smith
Defense Counsel: Dennis A. Lieberman
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Attn: Jail Records

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Montgomery County Common Pleas Court
41 N. Perry Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422

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Case Title:
STATE OF OHIO vs JONATHAN ERIC LINK

Type:

Entry: Sentenced to Institution

So Ordered,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Dankof". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.