

OHIO COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State ex rel. Moore v. Gillece-Black

2025-Ohio-5699 · No. 25CA012311 · Decided December 22, 2025

SUMMARY

The Ninth District Court of Appeals of Ohio dismissed Rainier A. Moore’s habeas corpus petition as moot because he had been released from custody and placed under Adult Parole Authority supervision. The court taxed costs to Moore and directed the clerk to serve notice of the judgment.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | Ohio Court of Appeals, Ninth Judicial District                                                                                                   |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Scot A. Stevenson; Carr, J.; Hensal, J.                                                                                                          |
| JURISDICTION          | Ohio Court of Appeals, Ninth Judicial District                                                                                                   |
| DECIDED               | December 22, 2025                                                                                                                                |
| DOCKET                | 25CA012311                                                                                                                                       |
| DISPOSITION           | dismissed                                                                                                                                        |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Original habeas corpus action in the Ohio Court of Appeals seeking an order directing the respondent warden to release the relator from custody. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | The court determined mootness based on the record, including evidence outside the petition.                                                      |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Published Ohio Court of Appeals opinion                                                                                                          |
| PARTIES               | Rainier A. Moore v. Warden Jennifer Gillece-Black                                                                                                |

TOPICS

- mootness
- post-conviction relief
- appellate procedure
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PRACTICE AREAS

- habeas corpus
- post-conviction relief
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Moore's habeas corpus petition became moot after he was released from incarceration and placed under post-release supervision.

## HOLDINGS

1. A habeas corpus claim is moot when the petitioner has been released from incarceration; because Moore had been released from custody, his petition was dismissed.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

“When a petitioner has been released from incarceration, the prisoner’s habeas corpus claim is moot.” (§ 2)

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

When Moore filed the habeas corpus action, he was incarcerated at the Lorain Correctional Institution. During the pendency of the case, he was released from custody and placed under the supervision of the Adult Parole Authority.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Moore filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus while incarcerated at the Lorain Correctional Institution. While the action was pending, he was released from custody and placed under Adult Parole Authority supervision. The court dismissed the petition as moot and taxed costs to Moore.

## DISPOSITION

dismissed

## CASES CITED

- State ex rel. Waterhouse v. Summit County Common Pleas Court, 2023-Ohio-1878
- State ex rel. Johnson v. Foley, 2022-Ohio-3643