

COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO, SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT,
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

State v. Hanson

2026-Ohio-53 · No. 2025-CA-17 · Decided January 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The Ohio Second District Court of Appeals affirmed Raymond Scott Hanson's sentence following the revocation of his community control sanctions. Hanson argued that the trial court failed to comply with Ohio's felony-sentencing principles and purposes when imposing a 30-month prison term. The appellate court held that the sentence was within the statutory range and that the trial court had considered the required statutory factors.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Ohio, Second Appellate District, Champaign County
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Christopher B. Epley, Presiding Judge; Tucker, Judge; Lewis, Judge
JURISDICTION	Ohio Court of Appeals, Second Appellate District, Champaign County
DECIDED	January 9, 2026
DOCKET	2025-CA-17
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Hanson appealed from the Champaign County Court of Common Pleas' revocation of his community-control sanctions and imposition of a 30-month prison sentence for third-degree-felony burglary, concurrent with a 120-day jail sentence for misdemeanor assault.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under R.C. 2953.08(G), the appellate court may increase, reduce, modify, or vacate a felony sentence if it clearly and convincingly finds that the record does not support specified findings or that the sentence is contrary to law. The appellate court does not independently weigh the evidence or substitute its judgment for the trial court's judgment concerning compliance with R.C. 2929.11 and R.C. 2929.12.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Ohio Court of Appeals opinion
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the trial court's 30-month prison sentence was contrary to law because the court failed to comply with the purposes and principles of felony sentencing under R.C. 2929.11 and the seriousness and recidivism factors under R.C. 2929.12.
2. Whether the sentence was unsupported by the record.

HOLDINGS

1. The sentence was not contrary to law because it fell within the statutory range for a third-degree felony and the trial court stated that it had considered R.C. 2929.11 and R.C. 2929.12.
2. The appellate court could not independently weigh the evidence and substitute its judgment for that of the trial court regarding compliance with R.C. 2929.11 and R.C. 2929.12.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A trial court has full discretion to impose any sentence within the authorized statutory range, and it is not required to make any findings or give its reasons for imposing such a sentence up to the maximum term.” (¶ 6)

“we may not independently “weigh the evidence in the record and substitute [our] judgment for that of the trial court concerning the sentence that best reflects compliance with R.C. 2929.11 and 2929.12.”” (¶ 8)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Hanson pleaded guilty to burglary, reduced from first-degree aggravated burglary, and to first-degree-misdemeanor assault arising from a violent home invasion. He was placed on five years of community control with conditions including abstaining from alcohol, avoiding the crime location and victims, and completing a residential correctional program. He admitted multiple later violations, including alcohol use, contact with the prohibited location, cocaine use, failure to complete treatment, and intoxication at a bar. After the final violations, the trial court revoked community control and imposed a 30-month sentence for burglary and a concurrent 120-day sentence for assault.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Hanson pleaded guilty to reduced burglary and assault charges in 2020 and received five years of community control. After multiple admitted supervision violations, the trial court revoked community control in 2025 and imposed concurrent prison and jail sentences. Hanson timely appealed, arguing that the prison sentence did not comply with the purposes and principles of felony sentencing.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- State v. Kelly, 2021-Ohio-325, ¶ 85 (2d Dist.)
- State v. King, 2013-Ohio-2021, ¶ 45 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Leopard, 2011-Ohio-3864, ¶ 11 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Worthen, 2021-Ohio-2788, ¶ 13 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Jones, State v. Jones, 2020-Ohio-6729, ¶ 42
- State v. Dorsey, 2021-Ohio-76, ¶ 18 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Cunningham, 2025-Ohio-2894, ¶¶ 22-23 (2d Dist.)

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