

OHIO COURT OF APPEALS, FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

State v. Beall

2025-Ohio-5585 · No. 2025CA00024 · Decided December 15, 2025

SUMMARY

The Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals affirmed the Massillon Municipal Court’s judgment finding Samuel Beall guilty of criminal damaging or endangering and ordering \$99 in restitution. The court held that the appellants, the crime victim and her daughter, failed to establish violations of Marsy’s Law and lacked standing to pursue claims unrelated to victim rights. The court also relied on the absence of a trial transcript and affirmed the judgment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Ohio Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District
WRITING FOR THE COURT	William B. Hoffman, Presiding Judge; Kevin W. Popham, Judge; David M. Gormley, Judge
JURISDICTION	Ohio Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District, Stark County
DECIDED	December 15, 2025
DOCKET	2025CA00024
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Crime victims Kilina and Darlene Jellel appealed the Massillon Municipal Court's judgment finding Samuel Beall guilty of criminal damaging or endangering and ordering him to pay Darlene Jellel \$99 in restitution. The Court of Appeals reviewed the appeal despite substantial noncompliance with Ohio Appellate Rule 16.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The appellate court's review was limited to the record before it. When necessary transcript portions are omitted, the court presumes the validity and regularity of the lower court's proceedings and affirms. The court also applied a standing limitation to victim appeals under Marsy's Law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Kilina Jellel, Darlene Jellel v. State of Ohio

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Jellels had standing under Marsy's Law to directly appeal alleged violations of rights not enumerated in Marsy's Law.
2. Whether the trial court violated Marsy's Law by advising Beall about possible future expungement without a pending expungement application or expungement order.
3. Whether the absence of a transcript required the appellate court to presume the regularity and validity of the proceedings.
4. Whether the municipal court erred in awarding only \$99 in restitution.
5. Whether Marsy's Law authorized the victims to seek reversal of Beall's conviction or sentence, a new trial, or other requested relief.

HOLDINGS

1. A crime victim or victim's representative has standing to file a direct appeal only when the trial court denies enforcement of the victim's constitutional or statutory rights under Marsy's Law; victims may not use a direct appeal to raise claims unrelated to those enumerated victim rights.
2. The trial court did not violate Marsy's Law by advising Beall that he might be eligible to seek expungement after one year when no expungement application was pending and no expungement had been granted.
3. When an appellant fails to include transcript portions necessary to resolve assigned errors, the appellate court must presume the validity and regularity of the lower court's proceedings and affirm as to those claims.
4. The appellate court could not find error in the \$99 restitution award because the record showed that the complaint involved only one security camera, the camera was not damaged, and the appellate record did not establish a greater compensable economic loss.
5. Marsy's Law does not authorize a victim to appeal a defendant's sentence or obtain the requested reversal, new trial, or increased sentence; such relief is also constrained by the prohibition against multiple prosecutions for the same offense.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“When portions of the transcript necessary for resolution of the assigned error(s) are omitted from the record, the court has no choice but to presume the validity of the lower court's proceedings, and to affirm.” (¶ 20)

“There is no provision under Marsy's Law which allows a victim to appeal a defendant's sentence.” (¶ 31)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Samuel Beall was charged with spraying a hose at a security camera mounted on neighbor Darlene Jellel's home. After a bench trial, the municipal court found Beall guilty of criminal damaging or endangering and ordered \$99 in restitution. Witnesses testified that Beall admitted spraying the camera, but an officer and Darlene Jellel testified that the camera was not damaged. The Jellels sought broader restitution and raised numerous claims regarding victim rights, trial conduct, prosecutorial misconduct, evidence, and court administration.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Beall was charged in the Massillon Municipal Court, pleaded not guilty, and was convicted after a bench trial. The municipal court ordered \$99 in restitution, which Beall paid the same day. The Jellels filed a notice of appeal asserting twenty-one assignments of error concerning Marsy's Law, trial and prosecutorial conduct, evidentiary matters, restitution, and related issues. The Court of Appeals affirmed, concluding that the Jellels could appeal only the limited victim rights protected by Marsy's Law and that none of the asserted errors warranted relief.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Zanesville v. Robinson, 2010-Ohio-4843, ¶ 26 (5th Dist.)
- Musleve v. Musleve, 2008-Ohio-3961, ¶ 21
- State v. Darby, 2019-Ohio-2186, ¶¶ 21-24 (5th Dist.)
- Centerville v. Knab, 2020-Ohio-5219, ¶¶ 11-13
- State v. Wagner, 2025-Ohio-542, ¶ 15
- State v. Basher, 2022-Ohio-4703, ¶ 22
- Knapp v. Edwards Labs., 61 Ohio St. 2d 197, 199 (1980)
- State v. Brasher, 2022-Ohio-4703
- State v. Danison, 105 Ohio St. 3d 127, syllabus
- State v. Russell, 2025-Ohio-4424, ¶ 21
- State v. Harris, 2023-Ohio-648, ¶ 106 (2d Dist.)
- Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963)
- State v. Keenan, 1993-Ohio-409 (Ohio Sup. Ct.)

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