

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

State of Florida v. Lashawn Triplett

Triplett · No. 6D2024-1574 · Decided June 12, 2026

SUMMARY

The Sixth District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed in part and reversed in part an order dismissing criminal charges against Lashawn Triplett. The court affirmed dismissal of the accessory-after-the-fact charge, reversed dismissal of the false-report charge, and remanded with directions to reinstate that count.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Sixth District Court of Appeal of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Judge Traver; Judge Stargel; Judge Nardella
JURISDICTION	Sixth District Court of Appeal of Florida
DECIDED	June 12, 2026
DOCKET	6D2024-1574
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The State appealed an order granting in part Triplett's motion to dismiss criminal charges.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	State of Florida v. Lashawn Triplett

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the trial court properly dismissed the charge of accessory after the fact to a capital felony.
- Whether the trial court properly dismissed the charge of false report to law enforcement authorities concerning a capital felony.

HOLDINGS

1. The trial court's dismissal of the charge of accessory after the fact to a capital felony was affirmed.
2. The trial court's dismissal of the charge of false report to law enforcement authorities concerning a capital felony was reversed, and the charge was ordered reinstated in the amended information.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Adopting the reasoning expressed in our opinion in State v. Wesley, we likewise affirm in part the final order of dismissal as to the charge of accessory after the fact to a capital felony, reverse the final order of dismissal in part as to the charge of false report to law enforcement authorities concerning a capital felony, and remand to the trial court with directions to reinstate that count in the amended information.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Triplett was charged with accessory after the fact to a capital felony, false report to law enforcement authorities concerning a capital felony, and tampering with physical evidence. The trial court granted Triplett's motion to dismiss as to the first two charges but did not dismiss the tampering charge, which was not challenged on appeal. The appellate court stated that the facts and issues were identical to those in the co-defendant's case, State v. Wesley.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Circuit Court for Orange County dismissed the charges of accessory after the fact to a capital felony and false report to law enforcement authorities concerning a capital felony, while declining to dismiss a separate charge for tampering with physical evidence. The State appealed the partial dismissal. The Sixth District Court of Appeal adopted the reasoning of its contemporaneous opinion in State v. Wesley and affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The trial court was directed to reinstate the false-report count in the amended information and conduct further proceedings.

CASES CITED

- State v. Wesley, No. 6D2024-1651 (Fla. 6th DCA June 12, 2026)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

STATE OF FLORIDA

Case No. 6D2024-1574 Lower Tribunal No. 2022-CF-003086

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellant, v.

LASHAWN TRIPLETT,

Appellee. Appeals from the Circuit Court for Orange County.

Kevin B. Weiss, Judge. June 12, 2026 PER CURIAM. The State of Florida challenges the order granting in part the motion to dismiss filed by Lashawn Triplett 1 whereby the trial court dismissed the charges of accessory after the fact to a capital felony and false report to law enforcement authorities 1 The State filed a separate appeal of a substantially similar order regarding the case against Triplett's co-defendant, Johnny Wesley. See State v. Wesley, No. 6D2024-1651 (Fla. 6th DCA June 12, 2026). This Court granted the State's motion to have these two cases travel together because Wesley and Triplett are co- defendants, the orders on appeal are substantially similar, and the arguments presented in each case are identical. concerning a capital felony.2 The underlying facts and issues raised by the State in this appeal are identical to those raised in the case against the co-defendant, Johnny Wesley, in State v. Wesley, No. 6D2024-1651 (Fla. 6th DCA June 12, 2026). Adopting the reasoning expressed in our opinion in State v. Wesley, we likewise affirm in part the final order of dismissal as to the charge of accessory after the fact to a capital felony, reverse the final order of dismissal in part as to the charge of false report to law enforcement authorities concerning a capital felony, and remand to the trial court with directions to reinstate that count in the amended information. AFFIRMED in part; REVERSED in part; and REMANDED for further proceedings. TRAVER, C.J., and STARGEL and NARDELLA, JJ., concur. James Uthmeier, Attorney General, Tallahassee, and Kristen L. Davenport, Assistant Attorney General, Daytona Beach, for Appellant. Blair Allen, Public Defender, and Tosha Cohen, Assistant Public Defender, Bartow, for Appellee.

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AND DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

The trial court declined to dismiss a third charge for tampering with physical 2 evidence that Appellees did not challenge and is not a subject of these appeals. 2