

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

State v. Seiker

2026-Ohio-1073 · No. 2025-CA-59 · Decided March 27, 2026

SUMMARY

The Ohio Second District Court of Appeals affirmed Angel Seiker’s conviction and indefinite prison sentence for permitting child abuse. The court held that the sentence was not contrary to law because the trial court’s sentencing entry demonstrated consideration of the statutory purposes, principles, and factors under Ohio Revised Code sections 2929.11 and 2929.12.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Ohio, Second Appellate District, Clark County
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Michael L. Tucker; Huffman; Hanseman
JURISDICTION	Ohio Court of Appeals, Second Appellate District, Clark County
DECIDED	March 27, 2026
DOCKET	2025-CA-59
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Seiker appealed her felony conviction and sentence after pleading guilty to permitting child abuse, asserting that her sentence was contrary to law.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under Ohio Revised Code § 2953.08(G)(2), an appellate court may increase, reduce, modify, or vacate a felony sentence only if it clearly and convincingly finds that the record does not support specified statutory findings or that the sentence is otherwise contrary to law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion; precedential under applicable Ohio law.
PARTIES	Angel Seiker v. State of Ohio

TOPICS

- sentencing
- standard of review
- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Criminal law
- Criminal procedure
- Felony sentencing
- Appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Seiker's sentence was contrary to law because the trial court allegedly failed to consider the purposes and principles of felony sentencing under Ohio Revised Code § 2929.11 and the sentencing factors under Ohio Revised Code § 2929.12.

HOLDINGS

1. A trial court must consider the purposes and principles of felony sentencing under Ohio Revised Code § 2929.11 and the sentencing factors under § 2929.12, but it is not required to make on-the-record findings or expressly mention those statutes during the sentencing hearing. The record is sufficient when it demonstrates that the court considered the statutes before imposing sentence.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Therefore, “when making a felony sentencing decision, a trial court must consider the R.C. 2929.11 purposes of felony sentencing and the R.C. 2929.12 felony sentencing factors, but there is no requirement for the trial court to make any on-the-record findings regarding R.C. 2929.11 and R.C. 2929.12.”” (¶ 10)

“Based on this record, we find no merit in Seiker’s claim that the trial court failed to consider the appropriate statutory factors in sentencing.” (¶ 13)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The case arose from the death of a four-month-old infant whose autopsy showed blunt-force trauma to the head. The infant had a parietal skull fracture, fractures in both arms and the left femur, and healing bilateral rib fractures. Seiker ultimately pleaded guilty to permitting child abuse, and the trial court imposed an indefinite prison term of 11 to 16.5 years.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Seiker was indicted on two counts of murder, one count of felonious assault, one count of endangering children, and one count of permitting child abuse. Pursuant to a plea agreement, she pleaded guilty to permitting child abuse, a first-degree felony, and the remaining counts were dismissed; the parties did not agree on sentencing. The trial court imposed an indefinite prison term of 11 to 16.5 years, and the Second District affirmed.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- State v. Marcum, 2016-Ohio-1002, ¶¶ 7, 9
- State v. Brown, 2017-Ohio-8416, ¶ 74 (2d Dist.)
- State v. King, 2013-Ohio-2021, ¶ 45 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Foster, 2006-Ohio-856, paragraph seven of the syllabus
- State v. Benedict, 2021-Ohio-966, ¶ 8 (2d Dist.)

- State v. Trent, 2021-Ohio-3698, ¶ 15 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Daniels, 2025-Ohio-4876, ¶ 9 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Bowen, 2025-Ohio-1273, ¶ 9 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Walden, 2016-Ohio-47, ¶ 10 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Battle, 2014-Ohio-4502, ¶ 15 (2d Dist.)
- State v. Miller, 2010-Ohio-2138, ¶ 43 (2d Dist.)

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