# In The Supreme Court of Florida

NO. 94,348

#### WAVELL HEIRD,

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v.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

## ON DISCRETIONARY REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

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## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND THE FACTS

#### 1. <u>Introduction</u>

#### 2. <u>History of Proceedings and Statement of Facts</u>

Mr. Heird was charged and convicted by a jury of resisting correctional officers with violence, an offense committed on March 17, 1996 [R. 1, 13; T. 22]

A sentencing guidelines scoresheet scored 48 total sentence points, resulting in a presumptive sentence of 20 months, with a discretionary sentencing range of 15 to 25 months [R. 19-21; 30-32].

Mr. Heird was sentenced on March 7, 1997. The court adjudicated him guilty of resisting an officer with violence, in violation of § 843.01, Fla. Stat., a third degree felony, and sentenced him to 15 months incarceration with credit for 356 days in custody. [R. 24-28; R. 76].

The court entered a written cost order totaling \$500 un fines, fees and costs, which included, among others, \$40.00 for an "Application Fee . . ., Ch. 96-232 & 96-376, Laws of Florida" (Indigent Criminal Defense Fund), \$2.00 pursuant to § 943.25(13) (Criminal Justice Education by Municipalities and Counties), and a fine of \$385.00 pursuant to § 775.083, plus \$20.00 as a 5% surcharge required by § 960.25, Fla. Stat. [R. 22]. At sentencing, the court orally announced only that there would be "charges, costs and fees in the amount of \$500," without explaining or announcing what was actually included in the gross sum of \$500.00 that was announced. [R. 48].

On appeal, appellant's counsel filed an Anders brief in which he challenged the

imposition of the \$40 application fee, discretionary \$2 cost, and fine as minor sentencing errors.

Appellee filed an Answer Brief to the appellant's Anders brief.

Subsequently, appellee filed an Amended Answer Brief pursuant to an order of the First

District Court dated April 8, 1998. By that order, the court directed the appellee to address the

following issues:

1. Whether the trial court erred as a matter of law by imposing costs in the amount of \$40 pursuant to section 27.52(1)(c), Florida Statutes, without affording the defendant notice and an opportunity to contest the amount and his ability to pay.

2. Whether the trial court erred as a matter of law by imposing a \$2 costs for Criminal Justice Education pursuant to section 943.25(13), Florida Statutes, without affording defendant notice and an opportunity to be heard.

3. Whether the trial court erred as a matter of law by imposing a fine of \$385 pursuant to section 775.083, Florida Statutes, plus \$20 as a 5% surcharge pursuant to section 960.25, Florida Statutes, without affording the defendant notice and an opportunity to be heard.

The Court further directed the appellee to address the implications of Florida Rule of

Criminal Procedure 3.800(b) and section 924.051(8), Florida Statutes (1996), both of which

became effective on July 1, 1996.

The appellant filed a reply brief to the Appellee's Amended Answer Brief addressing the

questions posed by the district court.

On November 12, 1998, the First District Court rendered an opinion *per curiam* affirming the conviction and sentence, citing *Locke v. State*, Case No. 976-2431, [23 Fla. L. Weekly D2399] (Fla. 1st DCA October 21, 1998), and certifying the following question to be one of great public importance:<sup>1</sup>

# DOES THE FAILURE OF THE TRIAL COURT TO ORALLY PRONOUNCE EACH STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED COST INDIVIDUALLY AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING CONSTI-TUTE FUNDAMENTAL ERROR?

On November 16, 1998, appellant filed a timely Notice to Invoke Discretionary Jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.030(a)(2)(A)(v) and Art. V, section (3)(b)(4), Fla. Const.

On November 19, 1998, this Court entered an order postponing its decision on jurisdiction and directing briefing of the merits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The First District Court has also certified the identical question in *Locke v. State*, Case No. 97-2431, 23 Fla. L. Weekly D2399 (Fla. 1st DCA October 31, 1998)(General Division en banc).

# **SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT**

#### ARGUMENT

#### ISSUE

# DOES THE FAILURE OF THE TRIAL COURT TO ORALLY PRONOUNCE EACH STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED COST INDIVIDUALLY AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING CONSTITUTE FUNDAMENTAL ERROR?

Respectfully, appellant suggests that the question posed is somewhat too broad because, as phrased, it seems to include both mandatory and discretionary costs and fees imposed at sentencing. It appears to be well established that the imposition of mandatory costs and fees need not be individually pronounced at sentencing because the statutes authorizing and requiring the imposition of mandatory fees gives constructive notice to the defendant of such fees and costs.

With respect to discretionary fees, costs and fines, which are at issue in this case, appellant contends that the statutues authorizing the imposition of such fees give notice of the authority for their imposition, but because of their discretionary nature fail to give notice to the defendant that they will be imposed in his or her individual case, and therefore must be orally pronounced at sentencing and, if required by statute or rule, notice of the right to contest the imposition or the amount of any such cost, fee or fine must also be given to satisfy due process of law.

Before the effective date of the Criminal Appeal Reform Act, it was well established that

discretionary costs<sup>2</sup> must be orally pronounced and, in addition, the statutory authority for such costs must be orally announced or included in the written cost order.

Because of the commonality of the questions posted by the First District Court of whether the errors are required to be preserved by contemporaneous objection at the time of sentencing or by filing of a 3.800(b) motion, and because of the common principles argued regarding fundamental error, the three issues of error in this case will be addressed together in this brief.

Similar issues were recently briefed in *McCray v. State*, Case No. 96-4950 (Fla. 1st DCA), in response to a similar order by this Court.<sup>3</sup> The question of the preservation of cost

1. Whether the trial court erred as a matter of law by imposing costs in the amount of \$100 designated as "CLTF" without explanation or reference to statutory authority.

2. Whether the trial court erred as a matter of law by imposing a \$200 lien for the services of the public defender without affording the defendant notice and opportunity to contest the amount of the lien.

The Court further directed the State to

brief the implications on this case of Florida Rule of Criminal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Hereinafter, by reference to "costs," appellant is referring to court costs, fees, public defender's attorney's fees and costs, and fines generally that are discretionary in nature.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>In *McCray*, by an order dated January 23, 1998, this Court directed the appellee to file an amended answer brief addressing minor cost and fee issues raised by the appellant's counsel in an *Anders* brief and which the Court found to be arguable on the merits, as follows:

errors and of liens for public defender fees was also recently addressed by the First District in

Dodson v. State, Case No. 97-526, 23 Fla. L. Weekly D1044 (Fla. 1st DCA April 22, 1998).

Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.800(b) (1996), effective July1, 1996, states:

(b) Motion to Correct Sentencing Error. A defendant may file a motion to correct the sentence or order of probation within thirty days after rending of the sentence.

675 So. 2d 1374 (Fla. 1996); 685 So. 2d 1253 (Fla. 1996). This rule initially allowed ten days

in which to file such a motion, but was subsequently amended to allow thirty days in which to

do so. 685 So. 2d 1253 (Fla. 1996).

Section 924.051(3), Fla. Stat., also effective July 1, 1996, states:

(3) an appeal may not be taken from a judgment or order of a trial court unless a prejudicial error is alleged and is properly preserved or, if not properly preserved, would constitute fundamental error. A judgment or sentence may be reversed on appeal only when an appellate court determines after a review of the complete record that prejudicial error occurred and was properly preserved in the trial court, or, if not properly preserved, would constitute fundamental error.

Procedure 3.800(b) and section 924.051(8), Florida Statutes (1996), both of which became effective on July 1, 1996. It shall also address the implications of this court's holding in <u>Neal v.</u> <u>State</u>, 688 So. 2d 392 (Fla. 1st DCA), rev. den., 698 So. 2d 543 (Fla. 1997), in light of the Florida Supreme Court's holdings in <u>Jenkins v. State</u>, 444 So. 2d 947 (Fla. 1984), <u>Wood v. State</u>, 544 So. 2d 1004 (Fla. 1989), <u>Henriquez v. State</u>, 545 So. 2d 1340 (Fla. 1989), and <u>State v. Beasley</u>, 580 So. 2d 139 (Fla. 1991), and Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.720(d).

Section 924.051(8), Fla. Stat. (Supp. 1996), further provides:

It is the intent of the Legislature that all terms and conditions of direct appeal and collateral review be strictly enforced including the application of procedural bars, to ensure that all claims of error are raised and resolved at the first opportunity. It s also the Legislature's intent that all procedural bars to direct appeal and collateral review be fully enforced by the courts of this state.

# All The Errors Constituted Fundamental Error Addressable on Direct Appeal

In Neal v. State, 688 So. 2d 392 (Fla. 1st DCA), rev. den., 698 So. 2d 543 (Fla. 1997),

this Court addressed the effects of § 924.051(3), Fla. Stat. (1996), and Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.800(b), both effective July 1, 1996, and concluded that § 924.051(3) was procedural and did not violate the constitutional prohibitions on *ex post facto* laws.<sup>4</sup> Rejecting Neal's claim that the sentence was a improper departure because that issue had not been preserved in the trial court either by objection or by filing of a motion to correct the sentence, the *Neal* court nevertheless reversed the imposition of a lien for services of the public defender because the trial court had failed to give notice and an opportunity to be heard. This court concluded that the failure to provide such notice and opportunity to be "fundamental error" in reliance on *Henriquez v. State*, 545 So. 2d 1340 (Fla. 1989), which in turn had cited *Wood v. State*, 544 So. 2d 1004 (Fla. 1989). *See also Beasley v. State*, 695 So. 2d 1313 (Fla. 1st DCA 1997); *Strickland v. State*, 693 So.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>See Amendment to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.020(g) and Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.800, 675 So. 2d 1374 (Fla. 1996).

2d 1142 (Fla. 1st DCA 1997); *Springer v. State*, 557 So. 2d 188 (Fla. 1st DCA 1990); *Ford v. State*, 556 So. 2d 483 (Fla. 2d DCA 1990); *Cruz v. State*, 554 So. 2d 586 (Fla. 3d DCA 1989). This Court's conclusion was consistent with previous decisions of the Florida Supreme Court that the failure to give notice of the right to contest the amount of the lien violated procedural due process and was, thus, fundamental error. *See also Matke v. State*, 23 Fla. L. Weekly D469 (Fla. 1st DCA February 13, 1998), following *Neal*, but certifying conflict with *Bryant v. State*, 677 So. 2d 932 (Fla. 4th DCA 1996), and *Holmes v. State*, 658 So. 2d 1185 (Fla. 4th DCA 1995)(each holding such error not fundamental).

However, the various holdings by Florida's appellate courts that certain costs and fee errors are fundamental rest on more than a single underlying rationale. The primary rationale is whether procedural due process has been satisfied by notice and an opportunity to be heard. Procedural due process requires (1) notice of the assessment and a full opportunity to objection to the assessment and (2) enforcement of collection of those costs only after a judicial finding that the indigent defendant has the ability to pay them (an issue not present at this time in this case). *Jenkins v. State*, 444 So. 2d 947 (Fla. 1984), citing *Fuller v. Oregon*, 417 U.S. 40 (1974). *See also Bearden v. Georgia*, 461 U.S. 660, 665 (1983)("[d]ue process and equal protection principles converge in the Court's analysis in these cases.").

The failure to comply with procedural due process requirements with respect to costs and attorney's fees has been held to be fundamental error by the Florida Supreme Court. *Jenkins* 

v. State, 444 So. 2d 947 (Fla. 1984)(implied holding); Wood v. State, 544 So. 2d 1004 (Fla. 1989)(explicit holding); Henriquez v. State, 545 So. 2d 1340 (Fla. 1989)(following Wood v. State); State v. Beasley, 580 So. 2d 139 (Fla. 1990).

The court also has held that costs which are, by statute, to be mandatorily imposed in every case, do not require notice of the intent to impose them at the time of sentencing because the statutes themselves are deemed to provide constructive notice of those mandatory costs, thus satisfying the requirements due process. *State v. Beasley*, 580 So. 2d 139, 142 (Fla. 1990). Such constructive notice is limited, however, to mandatory costs.<sup>5</sup> *Id.*, n.4.

However, discretionary costs — which by authorizing statute *may* be imposed by the court — do require notice and an opportunity to object at sentencing because in the absence of such notice the statute does not constructively apprise the defendant that the discretionary cost *will be imposed* in his or her case. The same is true with respect to attorney's fee liens imposed pursuant to § 27.56, Fla. Stat., because that statute does not mandate the imposition of a specific fee, but leaves the determination of the amount of the fee to the discretion of the trial court. Thus, notice of the right to contest the amount and to require a hearing at sentencing of the opportunity to contest the amount of the fee is required by procedural due process. *Jenkins*; *Henriquez*; *Bull v. State*, 548 So. 2d 1103 (Fla. 1989).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>At present, the mandatory costs in criminal cases, as provided by statute, appear to be a \$50 costs pursuant to § 960.20, Fla. Stat.; \$3 pursuant to § 943.25(3), Fla. Stat.; and costs pursuant to § 27.3455, Fla. Stat. (\$500 in felony cases).

Notice of the right to contest and the right to a hearing is also affirmatively embodied in

the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure. Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.720(d) provides:

At the [sentencing] hearing:

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(d)(1) If the accused was represented by a public defender or special assistance public defender, the court shall notify the accused of the imposition of a lien pursuant to section 27.56, Florida Statutes. The amount of the lien shall be given and a judgment entered in that amount against the accused. Notice of the accused's right to a hearing to contest the amount of the lien shall be given at the time of sentence.

(2) If the accused requests a hearing to contest the amount of the lien, the court shall set a hearing date within 30 days of the date of sentencing.

(Emphasis added).

In addition to the due process rationale supporting a finding fundamental error, fundamental error has also been found where, for example, investigative costs were imposed without a request for such costs or documentation to support the assessment as required by statute, and, therefore, the imposition of that cost was illegal. *See, e.g. Bisson v. State*, 696 So. 2d 504 (Fla. 5th DCA 1997); *Abbott v. State*, 1998 WL 25574 (Fla. 4th DCA 1997); *Golden v. State*, 667 So. 2d 933 (Fla. 2d DCA 1996).

Further, "It is well established that a court lacks the power to impose costs in a criminal case unless specifically authorized by statute. . . Thus, the imposition of those costs are, in a

sense, illegal." *Holmes v. State*, 658 So. 2d 1185 (Fla. 4th DCA 1995). If illegal because the costs are not authorized by statute, or because the court has failed to identify an authorizing statute for such costs, it would constitute fundamental error. This is also true where the cost imposed is in excess of that authorized by statute. *Primm v. State*, 614 So. 2d 658 (Fla. 2d DCA 1993); *Robbins v. State*, 413 So. 2d 840 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982).

Prior to the enactment of § 924.051(3), Fla. Stat., as part of the Criminal Appeal Reform Act, the question of whether certain sentencing errors with respect to the imposition of costs, fees and attorney fee liens constituted fundamental error had been repeatedly addressed by the Florida Supreme Court and the district courts, as discussed above. Because the appellate courts have held certain cost errors to be fundamental under certain conditions, it must be presumed that when the Legislature enacted § 924.051(3) — which permits fundamental errors to be raised on appeal notwithstanding the failure to otherwise preserved the issues in the trial court by contenporaneous objection or a motion to correct — the Legislature was aware of which sentencing errors previously had been determined to be fundamental error and the basis or rationale for those holdings. Nothing in § 924.051(3), we contend, indicates an intent on the part of the Legislature to limit or redefine the meaning of "fundamental" error as the term is used in this statute or as "fundamental error" has been applied in the pre-existing case law.

Appellant is aware that in Maddox v. State, 23 Fla. L. Weekly D720 (Fla. 5th DCA

March 13, 1998), the Fifth District Court *en banc* recently concluded that there are no longer any "fundamental" errors in sentencing subsequent to the effective date of § 924.051 and Rule 3.800(b) on July 1, 1996. We are also aware that the court in *Maddox* viewed Rule 3.800(b) as "failsafe," and thus obviating the need for fundamental error in sentencing. Respectfully, the notion that Rule 3.800(b) is a "failsafe" means of correcting sentencing errors in the trial court in all cases is somewhat myopic. This record — as do most of the records before this court fails to demonstrate that the written orders complained of (typically the judgments, probation orders, and/or cost orders) in fact have been served on the defendants' counsel or upon the defendants. It is the written orders which so often disclose variances between the oral and written sentences, or contain unannounced conditions of probation, or disclose the existence of imposition of a discretionary cost that was not specifically pronounced, or reveals the failure of the court to adequately identify and to provide a citation to support a cost imposed by the cost order. If the record fails to demonstrate that the defendant or counsel has been timely served with these documents, the need to seek a correction of an error in these documents by filing of a 3.800(b) motion would not be readily apparent to the defendant's counsel. Thus, the rule is by no means failsafe. Moreover, while the rule is intended to provide a vehicle by which the defendant may bring to the trial court's attention perceived sentencing errors (assuming the documented errors have been disclosed), the Florida Supreme Court has not changed its formulation or application of what constitutes fundamental error in sentencing.

# I. <u>Imposition of a Discretionary Application Fee Without Notice</u> and Opportunity to be Heard, and Without Determination of Ability to Pay Same, is Fundamental Error

In this case, the offense was committed on March 17, 1996 [T. 23], and sentencing

occurred on March 7, 1997 [R. 28].

Effective January 1, 1997, § 27.52(c) provided with respect to the determination of

indigency of a criminal defendant that, upon filing of an affidavit of indigency:

(c) A fee of \$40 shall be paid into the county depository at the time the affidavit is filed. However, the affidavit shall be accepted without the fee if the court finds, after reviewing the financial information contained in the affidavit, that the fee should be reduced, waived, or assessed at disposition.

(d) If the court finds that the accused person applying for representation appears to be indigent based on the factual information provided, the court shall appoint the public defender to provide representation. If the fee is not paid prior to the deposition of the case, the sentencing judge shall be advised of this fact **and may**:

1. Assess the fee as part of the sentence or as a condition of probation; or

2. Assess the fee pursuant to s. 27.56.<sup>6</sup> Notwithstanding any provisions of law or local order to the contrary, the collecting entity shall assign the first \$40 to the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>§ 27.56 is the statute providing for the imposition of a lien for payment of attorney's fees or costs. Prior to 1/1/97, (1)(a) said the court **may** assesses attorney's fees and costs. As of 1/1/97, says that a defendant who has had a PD, special PD, or the like, appointed, *but is not indigent under s.* 72.52(2), or has been determined indigent but able to contribute, may be assessed attorney fee's and costs. (2)(a) provides for the imposition of a lien when payment of attorney's fees and costs have been ordered.

Fund, if created by law . . . .

Effective January 1, 1997, the legislature created the Indigent Criminal Defense Fund, Ch. 96-376, Fla. Laws. *See* § 27.525 (1997).

It appears that (1) this cost is discretionary, (2) cannot be assessed at sentencing without a determination of ability to pay, (3) and like the PD attorney's fees requires notice and the opportunity to object to the amount proposed (as with all other costs assessable under § 27.56).

The version of § 27.52(1) (Supp. 1996), in effect between January 1, 1997, and May 24, 1997, when the section was amended, applies in this case, <u>if it applies at all</u>.

Mr. Heird had his first appearance in this case, and made application for an appointed attorney by filing of an affidavit of insolvency, in 1996, well prior to the effective date of this statute. When he applied for a public defender, the statutes did not require or authorize an "application fee" as a condition of that application. Under the subsequently enacted statute, any liability for payment of an "application fee" attaches at the time of the filing of the application, although imposition of the fee itself may be delayed until sentencing or disposition of the case. However, because the law imposing this discretionary fee was not in effect at the time appellant applied for the services of a public defender, it was fundamental error to impose the application fee which was not then authorized by law. In the absence of an existing statute authorizing this fee at the time Mr. Heird applied for an appointed attorney, the imposition of this fee is "illegal." Costs not authorized by statute may be attacked for first time on appeal. *Pazo v. State*, 684 So.

2d 898 (Fla. 5th DCA 1996). "It is well established that a court lacks the power to impose costs in a criminal case unless specifically authorized by statute. . . Thus, the imposition of those costs are, in a sense, illegal." *Holmes v. State*, 658 So. 2d 1185 (Fla. 4th DCA 1995). *See also Spencer v. State*, 650 So. 2d 228 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995); *Dodson*, at D1044.

Moreover, for the reasons fully argued in the *Anders* brief, the application fee is by the very terms of the statute discretionary and may be waived or reduced depending on the financial circumstances of the defendant. Because it is discretionary, it was fundamental error to impose it without notice and an opportunity to be heard at the time it was imposed. Additionally, because the fee could be waived or reduced, it was fundamental error to impose the application fee without a determination by the court of the defendant's ability to pay the fee and a determination of whether the fee should be waived or reduced. This fee was buried in the orally announced total of \$500 in costs, fees and fine, and its imposition was only disclosed by the cost order then entered by the court. This record is devoid of any evidence that this cost order was served upon the defendant or his counsel so that he ever knew, until the record was reviewed after filing of the appeal, that the discretionary fee was in fact being imposed. The absence of notice violated procedural due process, which is fundamental error, which permits the court to address and correct this error on direct appeal.

#### II. Imposition of a \$2 Discretionary Cost Pursuant to § 943.25(13)

# Without Notice and Opportunity to Be Heard is Fundamental Error

Beyond cavil, this cost is discretionary. *Dodson v. State*, Case No. 97-526, 23 Fla. L. Weekly D1044 (Fla. 1st DCA April 22, 1998). Because it is discretionary, the statute authorizing it fails to give constructive notice that the costs will be imposed at sentencing in any given case, and in the absence of notice of intent to impose it at the time of sentencing, the defendant is deprived of an opportunity to object at sentencing and denied an opportunity to be heard why the cost should not be imposed. Again, in the absence of proof of service of the cost order that for the first time disclosed the cost was being imposed, there is nothing to show that the defendant knew the discretionary costs was imposed. For the reasons discussed above, the absence of notice and meaningful opportunity to be heard is a denial of procedural due process, which by definition is fundamental error.

# III. <u>Imposition of a Fine is Discretionary and Imposition of Fine</u> Without Oral Pronouncement is Fundamental Error

Section 775.083, Fla. Stat., provides: "A person who has been convicted of an offense other than a capital felony **may be sentenced to pay a fine** in addition to any punishment described in s. 775.082."

The imposition of a fine is clear discretionary under this statute ("may be sentenced to pay a fine"). Moreover, if a fine is a sentence, the court failed to specifically pronounce that portion of the sentence at sentencing. The announcement of a lump sum of \$500 in costs did not suffice to apprise Mr. Heird of the additional sentence to pay a fine. The absence of notice of intent to impose this discretionary sentence in addition to a sentence of incarceration, and the total absence of actual pronouncement of this portion of the sentence, is violative of procedural due process and thus fundamental error addressable on direct appeal.

## **CONCLUSION**

Appellant, WAVELL HEIRD, based on all of the foregoing, respectfully urges the Court to answer the certified question in the affirmative, disapprove the decision of the First District Court, and to remand the case to the First District Court for further consideration, and to grant all other relief which the Court deems just and equitable.

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