



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
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January 16, 2015

TO ALL COUNSEL:

RE: S15I0529. BENJAMIN FINNEY v. THE STATE.

The Supreme Court today granted the above referenced application for Interlocutory Appeal. All the Justices concur.

The appellant's notice of appeal must be filed in the trial court within ten days of the date shown above. Once the record is received from the trial court and docketed in this Court, notices will be mailed to all counsel showing the date of docketing and the case number assigned. The appellant's enumeration of errors and briefs will be due in this Court within 20 days of docketing; the appellee's briefs will be due within 40 days of docketing, or within 20 days of the filing of appellant's briefs, whichever is later. See Rule 12.

This Court is particularly concerned with, and requests that you address in your brief, the following:

Did the trial court err in concluding that the State met its burden to establish a “satisfactory explanation” for its delay in presenting the evidence obtained through use of its wiretap to the issuing judge for sealing in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 2518 (8) (a)?

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