

Eric WEST v. STATE of Arkansas

CR 95-786

908 S.W.2d 96

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered October 30, 1995

APPEAL & ERROR — REPORTER UNABLE TO TRANSCRIBE RECORD — SECURITY OF RECORDS — MATTER REFERRED TO BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS. — Where the supreme court had granted appellant's petition for writ of certiorari to complete the record after the court reporter informed appellant's counsel that her storage room had been vandalized and that she was unable to transcribe the record, the court referred the matter to the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners to conduct the necessary proceedings to determine whether there had been any violation of the Board's regulations and to advise the court on how the security of court reporter records can be better insured.

Referral to Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.

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No response.

PER CURIAM. On October 9, 1995, this Court issued a Per Curiam Order granting appellant's Petition for Writ of Certiorari to complete the record in the above-styled case after official court reporter, Val Dixon-Sims, informed appellant's counsel that her storage room had been vandalized and that she was therefore unable to transcribe the record. A copy of that Per Curiam is attached.*

[1] The security of records used to produce appellate transcripts is a matter of great concern to this Court. We refer this matter to the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners to conduct the necessary proceedings to determine whether there has been any violation of the Board's regulations.

Further, in light of our Per Curiam of October 16, 1995, adopting a records retention schedule for official court reporter records, we direct that the Board advise us on how security of stored court reporter records can be better insured.

*Reporter's Note: See *West v. State*, 322 Ark. 114, 907 S.W.2d 133 (1995).