Wilbert MULDREW v. STATE of Arkansas

CR 97-561

957 S.W.2d 693

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered December 11, 1997

CONTEMPT — CONTEMPT ORDER ISSUED. — The supreme court held that counsel for appellant was in contempt for failing to file appellant's brief in a timely manner, fined him, and allowed him to file a belated brief.

Contempt Order issued.

David Mark Gunter, for appellant.

No response.

PER CURIAM. The procedural background in this matter is set forth in our *per curiam* opinion delivered on November 13, 1997. *Muldrew v. State*, 330 Ark. 609, 954 S.W.2d 272 (1997). Attorney David Mark Gunter, counsel for appellant Wilbert Muldrew, was ordered to appear before this court on December 4, 1997, to show cause why he should not be held in contempt for his failure to file Muldrew's brief in a timely manner. Mr. Gunter appeared on that date, entered a plea of guilty to the contempt citation, and accepted full reponsibility for failing to file Muldrew's brief.

[1] Based on the foregoing, we hold that Mr. Gunter is in contempt for failing to file Muldrew's brief in a timely manner.

We fine him \$250.00 and will allow him to file a belated brief in this matter. A copy of this opinion will be forwarded to the Committee on Professional Conduct.