Larry Darnell INGRAM v. STATE of Arkansas

CR 97-1114

955 S.W.2d 186

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Appeal & error — motion for belated appeal treated as motion for rule on clerk — good cause for granting. — An admission of responsibility by the attorney for a criminal defendant for failing to timely file the transcript is good cause to treat a motion for belated appeal as one for rule on the clerk and to grant the motion.

Motion for Belated Appeal treated as Motion for Rule on the Clerk; granted.

D. Kirk Joyce, for appellant.

No response.

PER CURIAM. The appellant, Larry Darnell Ingram, has previously filed a motion for belated appeal. See Ingram v. State, 330 Ark. 218, 951 S.W.2d 314 (1997). We denied the motion because Ingram's attorney, D. Kirk Joyce, had not admitted fault for failing to file the record in a timely manner. Mr. Joyce has since submitted an affidavit accepting responsibility for failing to timely file the transcript.

[1] We find that such an error, admittedly made by the attorney for a criminal defendant, is good cause to treat the motion as one for rule on the clerk and grant the motion. See Harkness v. State, 264 Ark. 561, 572 S.W.2d 835 (1978). A copy of this opinion will be forwarded to the Committee on Professional Conduct.