



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA  
Case No. S16C0584

Atlanta, April 04, 2016

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

**THE STATE v. ROBERT LESLIE MORROW**

Court of Appeals Case No. A15A0905

The Supreme Court today granted the writ of certiorari in this case. All the Justices concur, except Benham, J., who dissents. Melton, J., not participating.

This case will be assigned to the June 2016 oral argument calendar automatically under Supreme Court Rule 50 (2), as amended September 13, 1996. Oral argument is mandatory in granted certiorari cases.

This Court is particularly concerned with the following issue or issues:

1. Whether the Court of Appeals correctly understood OCGA § 16-6-5.1 (b) to require proof that the defendant had “direct disciplinary or supervisory authority” over the particular student in question, as opposed to disciplinary or supervisory authority over students generally. See *State v. Hammonds*, 325 Ga. App. 815 (755 SE2d 214) (2014).
2. If not, whether the evidence otherwise was sufficient to prove a violation of OCGA § 16-6-5.1 (b), especially with respect to the requirement that the State prove that Morrow was “a teacher, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator.” See *Hart v. State*, 319 Ga. App. 749 (738 SE2d 331) (2013).

Briefs should be submitted only on these points. See Supreme Court Rule 45.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

  
, Clerk