

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO  
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NO. C-160199
	:	TRIAL NO. C-14TRC-38185A
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
	:	<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY.</i>
vs.	:	
LAKISHA HOWELL,	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

We consider this appeal on the accelerated calendar, and this judgment entry is not an opinion of the court. See Rep.Op.R. 3.1; App.R. 11.1(E); 1st Dist. Loc.R. 11.1.1.

Defendant-appellant Lakisha Howell was arrested and issued citations for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol in violation of both R.C. 4511.19(A)(1)(a) and 4511.19(A)(1)(d), and failing to dim her headlights in violation of R.C. 4513.15. Howell filed a motion to suppress challenging the constitutionality of the traffic stop and her subsequent arrest. After her motion was denied, Howell pled no contest to the offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol in violation of R.C. 4511.19(A)(1)(a). The trial court found Howell guilty and immediately granted her a stay pending appeal.

In this appeal, Howell argues in her sole assignment of error that the trial court erred in concluding that the arresting officer had reasonable suspicion or

probable cause to conduct the traffic stop. But we cannot reach the merits of Howell's argument because we do not have jurisdiction to entertain this appeal.

This court only has jurisdiction to review final orders and judgments. Ohio Constitution, Article IV, Section 3(B)(2). A judgment of conviction is a final order under R.C. 2505.02 when it sets forth (1) the fact of the conviction, (2) the sentence, (3) the judge's signature, and (4) the time stamp indicating the entry upon the journal by the clerk. *State v. Lester*, 130 Ohio St.3d 303, 2011-Ohio-5204, 958 N.E.2d 142, paragraph one of the syllabus; *State v. Bennett*, 1st Dist. Hamilton Nos. C-140507 and C-140508, 2015-Ohio-3246; Crim.R. 32(C).

The trial court accepted Howell's no-contest plea and then immediately granted her a stay pending appeal. The trial court never imposed a sentence upon Howell. Absent the imposition of a sentence, the trial court's judgment is not a final appealable order.

Because we have no jurisdiction to entertain this appeal, it is dismissed.

A certified copy of this judgment entry shall constitute the mandate, which shall be sent to the trial court under App.R. 27. Costs shall be taxed under App.R. 24.

**MOCK, P.J., CUNNINGHAM and MYERS, JJ.**

To the clerk:

Enter upon the journal of the court on March 8, 2017  
per order of the court \_\_\_\_\_.  
Presiding Judge