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SADO reacts to Michigan Supreme Court remanding Ethan Crumbley's case to the Court of Appeals

LANSING, MI – Yesterday, the Michigan Supreme Court remanded Ethan Crumbley's case to the Court of Appeals. Jaqueline Ouvry, Ethan's attorney at the State Appellate Defender Office (SADO), released the following statement:

"In October of 2022, 16-year-old Ethan Crumbley pleaded guilty to all charges against him and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. That plea waived his appellate rights. Had Ethan gone to trial instead, he would have been entitled to a direct appeal as a matter of right. Because he pleaded guilty, his meritorious legal issues have never received thorough appellate review. Today's decision matters because it's an opportunity for the court to dig into questions that, until now, have largely gone unexamined.

"We're encouraged that the Court of Appeals will take a closer look at the issues in Ethan's case. This means more briefing and oral argument in the months ahead, and we welcome the chance to make our case in full."

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