

Mark Albrecht et al.

v.

Brian Treon, M.D., et al.

Case No. 2007-0507

ENTRY

This cause came before the Court on the certification of a state law question from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division. Upon review of the preliminary memoranda, the Court determined that it would answer the certified question.

The certified question is answered in the negative. The next of kin of a decedent, upon whom an autopsy has been performed, do not have a protected right under Ohio law in the decedent's tissues, organs, blood, or other body parts that have been removed and retained by the coroner for forensic examination and testing.

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THOMAS J. MOYER  
Chief Justice