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April 21, 2008

Clerk
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3431

Re: James Frazier
v. Ohio
No. 07-9052
(Your No. 2005-1316)

Dear Clerk:

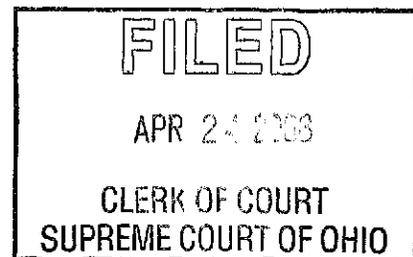
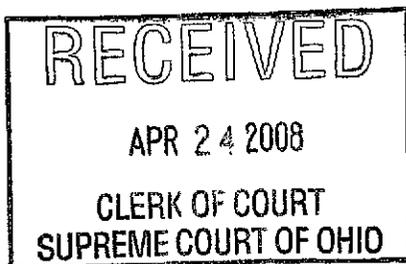
The Court today entered the following order in the above-entitled case:

The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied. Statement of Justice Stevens respecting the denial of the petition for certiorari.

Sincerely,



William K. Suter, Clerk



Statement of STEVENS, J.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JAMES FRAZIER v. OHIO

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME
COURT OF OHIO

No. 07-9052. Decided April 21, 2008

The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

Statement of JUSTICE STEVENS respecting the denial of the petition for writ of certiorari.

While I agree with the Court's decision to deny certiorari in this case, it is appropriate to emphasize, as I have in the past, see, e.g., *Knight v. Florida*, 528 U. S. 990 (1999) (opinion respecting denial of certiorari); *Singleton v. Commissioner*, 439 U. S. 940, 942 (1978) (same), that the denial of certiorari expresses no opinion on the merits of the underlying claim.