

THE STATE OF OHIO, APPELLANT, v. WHITE, APPELLEE.

[Cite as *State v. White* (1998), \_\_\_ Ohio St.3d \_\_\_.]

*Certification of conflict allowed — Criminal procedure — Classification as sexual predator — Court of appeals' judgment reversed on authority of State v. Cook — Trial court's finding that defendant is a sexual predator reinstated.*

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CERTIFIED by the Court of Appeals for Lucas County, No. L-97-1279.

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The certified conflict is allowed.

The judgment of the court of appeals is reversed on the authority of *State v. Cook* (1998), 83 Ohio St.3d 404, 700 N.E.2d 570.

The trial court's finding that James E. White is a sexual predator is reinstated.

MOYER, C.J., DOUGLAS, F.E. SWEENEY, PFEIFER, COOK and LUNDBERG STRATTON, JJ., concur.

RESNICK, J., not participating.