

**January 4, 2024**

**112849** COMMON PLEAS COURT A Criminal C.P.  
STATE OF OHIO v ROBERT KANCLER

Reversed and remanded.

Mary Eileen Kilbane, J.; Emanuella D. Groves, J., concurs (with separate opinion); and Michelle J. Sheehan, P.J., concurs in judgment only (with separate opinion).

***KEY WORDS: Motion to suppress; traffic stop; reasonable suspicion; no continuing justification for continued detention.***

***A patrol officer initiated a traffic stop under the reasonable suspicion that the defendant-driver was driving with an extinguished headlight. When the officer observed during the traffic stop that both headlights were operational, he no longer had a reasonable suspicion or probable cause to further detain the driver or conduct a search of his vehicle. The trial court erred when it denied the defendant-driver's motion to suppress the contraband discovered during the search of his vehicle.***