IN THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO :

Plaintiff-Appellant : C.A. CASE NO. 19645

v. : T.C. NO. 00 CR 3521

BRENDA MCKINNEY : (Criminal Appeal from

Common Pleas Court)

Defendant-Appellee

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OPINION

Rendered on the <u>18th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2003.

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WOLFF, J.

{¶1} After a trial to the bench, Brenda L. McKinney was found guilty of vehicular homicide, a violation of R.C. 2903.06(A)(3). As part of its disposition, the trial court imposed a one year license suspension, which it terminated two months later.

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This early termination of the license suspension prompted a motion for leave to appeal

by the state, which we sustained.

 $\{\P 2\}$ The state contends in its assignment of error that the one year suspension

was mandatory and that the trial court had no authority to terminate the suspension

before the one year term of suspension expired. McKinney has not filed a brief in

response.

 $\{\P3\}$ We agree with the state.

{¶4} R.C. 2903.06(B)(2) required the trial court to impose a license suspension

for a definite period of one to five years. R.C. 4507.16(F) states that "occupational

driving privileges" are not authorized where the license suspension is imposed in

connection with a conviction for violating R.C. 2703.06, which is what occurred in this

case. We thus conclude that the license suspension imposed in this case was

mandatory and its early termination was not authorized.

{¶5} The order terminating the license suspension early will be reversed and

the matter will be remanded to the trial court for the purpose of reimposing the one year

license suspension, subject to credit for the period that the suspension was in effect.

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FAIN, P.J., and GRADY, J., concur.

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