

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.