

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, APPELLATE DIVISION,
FIRST DEPARTMENT

People v. Porter

2026 NY Slip Op 00627 · No. Ind. No. 1670/21; Appeal No. 5795; Case No. 2022-04126 · Decided February 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, First Department unanimously affirmed Shayron Porter's judgment of conviction for attempted criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. The court held that Porter validly waived his right to appeal, alternatively rejected his suppression claim on the merits, and concluded that the indictment was not jurisdictionally defective for omitting allegations concerning firearm operability and the statutory large-capacity ammunition-feeding-device proviso.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, First Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Kennedy, J.P.; Scarpulla, J.; Gesmer, J.; Mendez, J.; Hagler, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department
DECIDED	February 10, 2026
DOCKET	Ind. No. 1670/21; Appeal No. 5795; Case No. 2022-04126
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant appealed from a judgment of Supreme Court, New York County, convicting him upon his guilty plea of attempted criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and sentencing him as a second violent felony offender to six and one-half years.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the validity of defendant's appeal waiver and the suppression issue under the reasonable-suspicion standard, and reviewed the alleged indictment defects for jurisdictional sufficiency.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published intermediate appellate decision; precedential within the applicable New York appellate hierarchy, subject to revision before publication in the Official Reports.
PARTIES	Shayron Porter, Defendant-Appellant v. The People of the State of New York, Respondent

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether defendant validly waived his right to appeal, thereby foreclosing review of his suppression claim.
2. Whether the officers had reasonable suspicion to justify the stop based on an anonymous radioed tip and defendant's subsequent conduct.
3. Whether the indictment was jurisdictionally defective for failing to allege that the firearm was operable.
4. Whether the indictment count charging possession of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device was jurisdictionally defective for failing to allege the statutory proviso concerning lawful prior possession.
5. Whether challenges to counts on which defendant was not convicted were moot and, alternatively, waived by his guilty plea.

HOLDINGS

1. Defendant made a valid waiver of his right to appeal, and the waiver foreclosed appellate review of his suppression claim.
2. The anonymous tip, together with the officer's corroboration of defendant's location and description and defendant's unusual conduct, provided reasonable suspicion that defendant was involved in a crime.
3. The indictment was not jurisdictionally defective for omitting an express allegation that the firearm was operable.
4. The indictment count charging possession of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device was not jurisdictionally defective for failing to allege the statutory proviso permitting possession under specified pre-January 15, 2013 circumstances.
5. Defendant's challenges to counts 2, 3, and 4 were moot because he was not convicted of those counts; alternatively, the nonjurisdictional claims were waived by his guilty plea.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"The combination of the court's colloquy and the detailed written waiver that defendant signed after consultation with counsel satisfied the requirements of a valid waiver which forecloses review of his suppression claim" (2026 NY Slip Op 00627)

"This provided the officers with a founded suspicion that criminal activity was afoot" (2026 NY Slip Op 00627)

"This 'unusual' behavior drew the officer's attention to defendant, and in conjunction with the radioed information, provided the officer with reasonable suspicion that defendant was involved in a crime" (2026

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A radio transmission reported a Black man wearing a white T-shirt involved in a dispute with a gun in the lobby of a specified building. Two minutes later, an officer observed defendant, the only person at the location matching the description, near the building entrance. When the officer approached in a marked vehicle, defendant walked quickly toward a slowly moving black vehicle, entered its front passenger seat, and the vehicle quickly drove away before he closed the door.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Supreme Court, New York County, conducted a hearing before Justice Robert Mandelbaum and accepted defendant's plea and imposed sentence before Justice Curtis J. Farber. Defendant challenged the suppression ruling, the indictment's allegations concerning firearm operability and a large-capacity ammunition feeding device, and related issues on appeal. The Appellate Division unanimously affirmed the judgment.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- People v. Thomas, 34 N.Y.3d 545 (2019), cert. denied, 589 U.S. —, 140 S. Ct. 2634 (2020)
- People v. Bawa, 234 A.D.3d 601, 602 (1st Dep't 2025), lv. denied, 43 N.Y.3d 943 (2025)
- People v. Brown, 172 A.D.3d 41, 42 (1st Dep't 2019), lv. denied, 33 N.Y.3d 1067 (2019)
- People v. DeBour, 40 N.Y.2d 210, 223 (1976)
- People v. Williams, 146 A.D.3d 410, 411 (1st Dep't 2017), lv. denied, 29 N.Y.3d 954 (2017)
- People v. Curtis, 29 A.D.3d 316, 317 (1st Dep't 2006), lv. denied, 7 N.Y.3d 866 (2006)
- People v. Johnson, 242 A.D.3d 588, 589 (1st Dep't 2025)
- People v. Watts, 234 A.D.3d 620, 621 (1st Dep't 2025), lv. denied, 43 N.Y.3d 1059 (2025)
- People v. Iannone, 45 N.Y.2d 589, 600 (1978)
- People v. Tammaro, 155 A.D.3d 473, 475 (1st Dep't 2017), lv. denied, 30 N.Y.3d 1109 (2018)
- People v. Smith, 237 A.D.3d 590, 590-591 (1st Dep't 2025), lv. denied, 43 N.Y.3d 1048 (2025)
- People v. Daniels, 224 A.D.3d 554 (1st Dep't 2024), lv. denied, 41 N.Y.3d 982 (2024)
- People v. Luis R., 220 A.D.3d 549, 549-550 (1st Dep't 2023), lv. denied, 41 N.Y.3d 1080 (2025)
- People v. Davis, 13 N.Y.3d 17, 32 (2009)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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Reporting Bureau pursuant to Judiciary Law § 431. This opinion is uncorrected and subject to revision before publication in the Official Reports. Decided and Entered: February 10, 2026 Before: Kennedy, J.P., Scarpulla, Gesmer, Mendez, Hagler, JJ. Ind. No. 1670/21|Appeal No. 5795|Case No. 2022-04126| [*1]The People of the State of New York, Respondent, v Shayron Porter, Defendant-Appellant.

Caprice R. Jenerson, Office of the Appellate Defender, New York (Victorien Wu of counsel), for appellant. Alvin L. Bragg, Jr., District Attorney, New York (Sarah Lubin of counsel), for respondent. Judgment, Supreme Court, New York County (Robert Mandelbaum, J. at hearing; Curtis J. Farber, J. at plea and sentencing), rendered August 15, 2022, convicting defendant of attempted criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, and sentencing him, as a second violent felony offender, to a term of 6½ years, unanimously affirmed.

Defendant made a valid waiver of his right to appeal (see *People v Thomas*, 34 NY3d 545 [2019], cert denied 589 US —, 140 S Ct 2634 [2020]). The combination of the court's colloquy and the detailed written waiver that defendant signed after consultation with counsel satisfied the requirements of a valid waiver which forecloses review of his suppression claim (see *People v Bawa*, 234 AD3d 601, 602 [1st Dept 2025], lv denied 43 NY3d 943 [2025]).

In any event, as an alternative holding, we reject his claim on the merits. The record did not show that the radio run transmitted the identity of the caller, and thus, for purposes of a reasonable suspicion analysis, the tip was anonymous (see *People v Brown*, 172 AD3d 41, 42 [1st Dept 2019], lv denied 33 NY3d 1067 [2019]).

Although the description of a Black man wearing a white t-shirt involved in a dispute with a gun in the lobby of a specified building was generic, the officer observed defendant — a Black man wearing a light colored t-shirt - "right by the entrance to the building" reported in the call, two minutes after the transmission, and he was the only person at the location who matched the radioed description.

This provided the officers with a founded suspicion that criminal activity was afoot (see generally, *People v DeBour*, 40 NY2d 210, 223 [1976]). That founded suspicion was elevated to reasonable suspicion when the officer, approaching in a marked vehicle, observed defendant walking quickly toward a black vehicle that was moving slowly through the crosswalk.

Defendant entered the front passenger seat of the car, which quickly drove away before defendant closed the car door. This "unusual" behavior drew the officer's attention to defendant, and in conjunction with the radioed information, provided the officer with reasonable suspicion that defendant was involved in a crime (see *People v Williams*, 146 AD3d 410, 411 [1st Dept 2017], lv denied 29 NY3d 954 [2017]; *People v Curtis*, 29 AD3d 316, 317 [1st Dept 2006], lv denied 7 NY3d 866 [2006]).

Defendant's challenges to counts 2, 3, and 4 of the indictment, based on the failure of the indictment to allege that the firearm was operable, are moot because he was not convicted of those counts (see *People v Johnson*, 242 AD3d 588, 589 [1st Dept 2025]; *People v Watts*, 234 AD3d 620, 621 [1st Dept 2025], lv denied 43 NY3d 1059 [2025]).

In any event, his claims are non-jurisdictional and were waived by his guilty plea (see *People v Iannone*, 45 NY2d 589, 600 [1978]; *People v Tammaro*, 155 AD3d 473, 475 [1st Dept 2017], lv denied 30 NY3d 1109 [2018]).

The indictment was not jurisdictionally defective for omitting the material element of operability. Although the text of Penal Law §§ 265.03(1)(b), 265.03(3), and 265.02(3) is silent regarding operability, it is well established that by citing the name of the statute, the People alleged all of the statutory elements, even those that are the product of a "judicial gloss" (see *People v Smith*, 237 AD3d 590, 590-591 [1st Dept 2025], lv denied 43 NY3d 1048 [2025]; *People v Daniels*, 224 AD3d 554 [1st Dept 2024], lv denied 41 NY3d 982 [2024]; *People v Luis R.*, 220 AD3d 549, 549-550 [1st Dept 2023], lv denied 41 NY3d 1080 [2025]).

Count 4 of the indictment, charging possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device, is not jurisdictionally defective for failing to allege the proviso, contained in Penal Law § 265.02(8) at the time of defendant's crime but since removed, permitting possession if that person lawfully possessed the device before January 15, 2013 and met other conditions, as such information was uniquely within defendant's knowledge such that affirmatively proving it would require the People to go to "intolerable lengths" (see *People v Davis*, 13 NY3d 17, 32 [2009]).

THIS CONSTITUTES THE DECISION AND ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST DEPARTMENT. ENTERED: February 10, 2026