

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, APPELLATE DIVISION,
FOURTH JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

People v. Carroll

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SUMMARY

The New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department unanimously affirmed a judgment convicting Jacob Carroll, upon his guilty plea, of arson in the second degree. The court held that, even assuming the defendant's waiver of the right to appeal was invalid, the challenge to the severity of his sentence lacked merit because the sentence was not unduly harsh or severe.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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This decision is uncorrected and subject to revision before publication in the Official Reports. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RESPONDENT, v JACOB CARROLL, DEFENDANT-APPELLANT. Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department Decided on June 5, 2026 273 KA 24-00512 Present: Whalen, P.J., Bannister, Montour, Greenwood, And Hannah, JJ. THE LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, INC., BUFFALO (NICHOLAS P. DIFONZO OF COUNSEL), FOR DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

MICHAEL J. KEANE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BUFFALO (PAUL J. WILLIAMS, III, OF COUNSEL), FOR RESPONDENT. Appeal from a judgment of the Erie County Court (James F. Bargnesi, J.), rendered October 23, 2023. The judgment convicted defendant upon a plea of guilty of arson in the second degree. [*1] It is hereby ORDERED that the judgment so appealed from is unanimously affirmed.

Memorandum: On appeal from a judgment convicting him upon his plea of guilty of arson in the second degree (Penal Law § 150.15), defendant contends that his waiver of the right to appeal was not knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily entered and that his sentence is unduly harsh and severe. Even assuming, arguendo, that defendant's waiver of the right to appeal is invalid and

therefore does not preclude our review of his challenge to the severity of his sentence (see *People v John*, 244 AD3d 1782, 1782 [4th Dept 2025]; *People v Swiderski*, 217 AD3d 1416, 1417 [4th Dept 2023]), we conclude that the sentence is not unduly harsh or severe.

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