

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

People v. Jackson

2026 NY Slip Op 01226 (Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division Second Judicial  
Department 2026) · No. 2023-06070 · Decided March 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The New York Appellate Division, Second Department affirmed Lawrence Jackson's sentence following his guilty plea. The court held that his knowing, voluntary, and intelligent waiver of the right to appeal precluded review of his claim that the sentence was excessive.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department                                                       |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Mark C. Dillon, J.P.; Paul Wooten, J.; Lillian Wan, J.; Donna-Marie E. Golia, J.                                                             |
| JURISDICTION          | New York Appellate Division, Second Department                                                                                               |
| DECIDED               | March 4, 2026                                                                                                                                |
| DOCKET                | 2023-06070                                                                                                                                   |
| DISPOSITION           | affirmed                                                                                                                                     |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | The defendant appealed, as limited by his motion, from a sentence imposed after his guilty plea, contending that the sentence was excessive. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Published New York Appellate Division opinion                                                                                                |
| PARTIES               | Lawrence Jackson v. The People of the State of New York                                                                                      |

TOPICS

- sentencing
- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal procedure
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the defendant's waiver of the right to appeal barred appellate review of his claim that the sentence was excessive.

## HOLDINGS

1. A valid waiver of the right to appeal precludes appellate review of the defendant's contention that the sentence imposed was excessive.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“The defendant's valid waiver of his right to appeal precludes appellate review of his contention that the sentence imposed was excessive”* ([\*1])

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Supreme Court, Kings County, on June 29, 2023. He appealed from the sentence, arguing that it was excessive. The appellate record showed that he had knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived his right to appeal.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Lawrence Jackson pleaded guilty in Supreme Court, Kings County. That court imposed sentence on June 29, 2023. The Appellate Division affirmed, holding that Jackson knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived his right to appeal and therefore could not obtain appellate review of his excessive-sentence claim.

## DISPOSITION

affirmed

## CASES CITED

- People v. Thomas, 34 NY3d 545
- People v. Lopez, 6 NY3d 248

## OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department MARK C. DILLON, J.P.

PAUL WOOTEN

LILLIAN WAN

DONNA-MARIE E. GOLIA, JJ. 2023-06070

(Ind. No. 71131/22) [\*1]The People of the State of New York, respondent, v Lawrence Jackson, appellant. Patricia Pazner, New York, NY (Samantha Jerabek of counsel), for appellant. Eric Gonzalez, District Attorney, Brooklyn, NY (Leonard Joblove and Melissa Owen of counsel; Hannah Thomas on the memorandum), for respondent. DECISION & ORDER Appeal by the defendant, as limited by his motion, from a sentence of the Supreme Court, Kings County (Eugene Guarino, J.), imposed June 29, 2023, upon his plea of guilty, on the ground that the sentence was excessive. ORDERED that the sentence is affirmed. The record demonstrates that the defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived his right to appeal ( see People v Thomas , 34 NY3d 545 ; People v Lopez , 6 NY3d 248 ). The defendant's valid waiver of his right to appeal precludes appellate review of his contention that the sentence imposed was excessive ( see People v Lopez , 6 NY3d at 255 ). DILLON, J.P., WOOTEN, WAN and GOLIA, JJ., concur. ENTER: Darrell M. Joseph Clerk of the Court