

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

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

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PRACTICE AREAS

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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