

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

People v. Seymore

2025 IL 131564 · No. 131564 · Decided December 4, 2025

SUMMARY

The Illinois Supreme Court held that a trial court’s order imposing a 30-day county-jail sanction for violating a condition of pretrial release was a final and appealable order, rather than an interlocutory order appealable under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 604(h). The court further held that the defendant was not entitled to apply good-behavior credit to the sanction because the sanction was not a sentence under the County Jail Good Behavior Allowance Act. The court also applied the public-interest exception to mootness.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Illinois
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Justice Theis; Chief Justice Neville; Justice Overstreet; Justice Holder White; Justice Cunningham; Justice Rochford; Justice O'Brien
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Illinois
DECIDED	December 4, 2025
DOCKET	131564
DISPOSITION	reversed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The State sought leave to appeal from an Illinois Appellate Court decision that reversed the circuit court and held that good-conduct credit applied to Seymore's 30-day imprisonment sanction for violating an electronic-monitoring condition of pretrial release.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Questions of appellate jurisdiction and statutory interpretation are reviewed de novo.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published precedential opinion of the Supreme Court of Illinois
PARTIES	The People of the State of Illinois v. Geoffrey P. Seymore

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- mootness
- criminal procedure
- statutory interpretation
- sentencing

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the appellate court had jurisdiction over Seymore's appeal from the 30-day imprisonment sanction imposed for violating a pretrial-release condition.
2. Whether the otherwise moot appeal fell within the public-interest exception to the mootness doctrine.
3. Whether the State forfeited its argument concerning application of the County Jail Good Behavior Allowance Act by failing to raise it in the appellate court.
4. Whether a 30-day imprisonment sanction under section 110-6(f)(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure is a sentence eligible for good-conduct credit under section 3 of the County Jail Good Behavior Allowance Act.

HOLDINGS

1. A trial-court order imposing a 30-day imprisonment sanction under section 110-6(f)(2) for violating a pretrial-release condition is a final and appealable order because it finally resolves a distinct collateral matter and leaves only execution of the order.
2. The public-interest exception to mootness applied to permit review of whether a defendant is entitled to good-conduct credit against a 30-day imprisonment sanction under section 110-6(f)(2).
3. The State did not forfeit its argument that the Behavior Allowance Act does not apply to the imprisonment sanction by failing to raise that issue in the appellate court.
4. A defendant is not entitled to good-conduct credit against a 30-day imprisonment sanction imposed under section 110-6(f)(2) because the sanction is not a sentence under section 3 of the County Jail Good Behavior Allowance Act.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“We conclude that the appellate court had jurisdiction over the defendant’s appeal.” (§ 28)

“We hold that, because the defendant’s 30-day imprisonment sanction was not a sentence under section 3 of the Behavior Allowance Act, he was not entitled to good-conduct credit against that sanction.” (§ 46)

“For the reasons that we have stated, we reverse the judgment of the appellate court and affirm the judgment of the circuit court.” (§ 48)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Seymore was charged with aggravated unlawful participation in methamphetamine production, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, and unlawful possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver. While released before trial subject to electronic monitoring, he left his residence and traveled to locations in De Kalb, Broadview, and Chicago. The circuit court found by clear and convincing evidence that he violated the monitoring condition and imposed a 30-day county-jail sanction, expressly stating that no good-time credit would apply.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Seymore was charged with drug offenses and released subject to electronic monitoring. After finding by clear and convincing evidence that he willfully violated that condition, the De Kalb County circuit court imposed 30 days' imprisonment and ordered that no good-time credit apply. The appellate court reversed to the extent the circuit court denied credit. The Illinois Supreme Court granted the State's petition for leave to appeal, held that the appellate court had jurisdiction over the appeal as an appeal from a final collateral order, applied the public-interest exception to mootness, rejected forfeiture, and reversed the appellate court while affirming the circuit court.

DISPOSITION

reversed

CASES CITED

- People v. Dyas, 2025 IL 130082, ¶ 15
- In re Marriage of Gutman, 232 Ill. 2d 145, 151 (2008)
- In re Curtis B., 203 Ill. 2d 53, 59 (2002)
- R.W. Dunteman Co. v. C/G Enterprises, Inc., 181 Ill. 2d 153, 159 (1998)
- In re Estate of French, 166 Ill. 2d 95, 101 (1995)
- In re Marriage of Verdung, 126 Ill. 2d 542, 553 (1989)
- Brauer Machine & Supply Co. v. Parkhill Truck Co., 383 Ill. 2d 569, 574-75 (1943)
- In re A.H., 207 Ill. 2d 590, 594 (2003)
- People ex rel. Scott v. Silverstein, 87 Ill. 2d 167, 172 (1981)
- Almgren v. Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, 162 Ill. 2d 205, 216 (1994)
- Kazubowski v. Kazubowski, 45 Ill. 2d 405, 415 (1970)
- People v. Albitar, 374 Ill. App. 3d 718, 722-23 (2007)
- People v. Tibbs, 2025 IL App (4th) 240378, ¶¶ 9, 15
- In re V.S., 2025 IL 129755, ¶ 54
- In re Marriage of Nienhouse, 355 Ill. App. 3d 146, 149 (2004)
- Commonwealth Edison Co. v. Illinois Commerce Comm'n, 2016 IL 118129, ¶¶ 12, 16-17
- People v. Morgan, 2025 IL 130626, ¶ 16
- Felzak v. Hruby, 226 Ill. 2d 382, 393 (2007)
- People v. Gray, 2024 IL 127815, ¶ 19
- People v. Artis, 232 Ill. 2d 156, 164 (2009)
- People v. Ramirez, 2023 IL 128123, ¶ 13
- People v. Watkins-Romaine, 2025 IL 130618, ¶ 25
- Kaeding v. Collins, 281 Ill. App. 3d 919, 928 (1996)
- People v. Russell, 237 Ill. App. 3d 310, 314-15 (1992)

- People v. Bailey, 235 Ill. App. 3d 1, 4 (1992)
- People v. Lindsey, 199 Ill. 2d 460, 471 (2002)

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