

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

**People v. Williams**

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**OPINION**

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PER CURIAM.

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Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department

PRESENT: WHALEN, P.J., LINDLEY, CURRAN, SMITH, AND DELCONTE,

JJ. 133 KA 23-00566

[\*1]THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

RESPONDENT,

v GIOVONNI WILLIAMS, DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

TINA L. HARTWELL, PUBLIC DEFENDER, UTICA (DAVID A. COOKE OF

COUNSEL), FOR DEFENDANT-APPELLANT. TODD C. CARVILLE, DISTRICT

ATTORNEY, UTICA (MICHAEL A. LABELLA OF COUNSEL), FOR RESPONDENT. Appeal

from a judgment of the Oneida County Court (Robert Bauer, J.), rendered December 23, 2022.

The judgment convicted defendant upon his plea of guilty of aggravated vehicular homicide. 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 aggravated vehicular  
homicide (Penal Law § 125.14 [3]), defendant contends that his waiver of the right to appeal is  
invalid 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 the sentence ( see People v Harrison , 242 AD3d 1540 , 1541 [4th  
Dept 2025]; People v Swiderski , 217 AD3d 1416 , 1417 [4th Dept 2023]), we conclude that the  
sentence is not unduly harsh or severe. Entered: March 27, 2026 Ann Dillon Flynn Clerk of the  
Court