

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

People v. Manning

2026 NY Slip Op 00408 (N.Y. Ct. App. 2026) · No. CR-23-0644 · Decided January 29, 2026

SUMMARY

The New York Appellate Division, Third Department affirmed a judgment convicting Jahmere Manning of second-degree murder based on his guilty plea and agreed-upon sentence of 20 years to life. The court held that Manning knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waived his right to appeal, and that the valid waiver barred his challenge to the severity of the agreed-upon sentence.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

People v Manning (2026 NY Slip Op 00408) People v Manning 2026 NY Slip Op 00408 Decided on January 29, 2026 Appellate Division, Third Department Published by New York State Law Reporting Bureau pursuant to Judiciary Law § 431. This opinion is uncorrected and subject to revision before publication in the Official Reports. Decided and Entered:January 29, 2026 CR-23-0644 [*1]The People of the State of New York, Respondent v Jahmere Manning, Appellant.

Calendar Date:January 2, 2026 Before:Garry, P.J., Aarons, Pritzker, McShan and Corcoran, JJ. Catherine A. Barber, Guilderland, for appellant. Lee C. Kindlon, District Attorney, Albany (Emily Schultz of counsel), for respondent. Appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court (Roger McDonough, J.), rendered December 9, 2022 in Albany County, convicting defendant upon his plea of guilty of the crime of murder in the second degree.

Defendant was charged in a seven-count indictment with offenses relating to an incident on the afternoon of May 3, 2021, when he and an accomplice fired multiple gunshots toward a residence in the City of Albany. The victim was struck in the hail of gunfire and died.

In full satisfaction of the indictment and other pending charges, defendant pleaded guilty to one count of murder in the second degree upon the understanding that he would be sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.

The agreement required defendant to waive his right to appeal and, during the plea proceedings, he agreed to do so orally and in writing. Supreme Court thereafter imposed the agreed-upon sentence. Defendant appeals.

We affirm. Defendant's challenge to the validity of his appeal waiver is unpersuasive. His "combined oral and written waiver are substantially similar to those that we recently found to be valid," and our review of the plea colloquy and the detailed written waiver, which he executed in open court after consultation with counsel, confirms that he made a knowing, intelligent and voluntary decision to waive his right to appeal (*People v Lane*, 233 AD3d 1207, 1208-1209 [3d Dept 2024], lv denied 43 NY3d 945 [2025]; see *People v Moses*, 236 AD3d 1201, 1201-1202 [3d Dept 2025]; *People v Joseph*, 227 AD3d 1233, 1234-1235 [3d Dept 2024], lv denied 42 NY3d 1053 [2024]).

Defendant's suggestion that his "waiver cannot apply to his [further] challenge to the severity of the sentence because he was not specifically advised at the time of his plea of the maximum sentence he could face" is belied by the record and would, in any event, be meritless because "there [was] a specific sentence promise at the time of the waiver" that was honored (*People v Grant*, 294 AD2d 671, 672 [3d Dept 2002], lv denied 98 NY2d 730 [2002]; see *People v Lococo*, 92 NY2d 825, 827 [1998]; *People v Fusco*, 74 AD3d 1583, 1584 [3d Dept 2010], lv denied 15 NY3d 851 [2010]; compare *People v Bowden*, 177 AD3d 1037, 1039 [3d Dept 2019], lv denied 34 NY3d 1157 [2020]).

As a result, his valid appeal waiver precludes his challenge to the severity of the agreed-upon sentence (see *People v Lopez*, 6 NY3d 248, 256 [2006]; *People v Sealey*, 234 AD3d 1184, 1185 [3d Dept 2025]; *People v Joseph*, 227 AD3d at 1234). Garry, P.J., Aarons, Pritzker, McShan and Corcoran, JJ., concur. ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.