

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

People v. Greenlee

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SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Second Department, modified Darrel Greenlee's sentence for first-degree assault following his guilty plea. The court reduced the determinate prison term from nine years to seven years, while retaining five years of postrelease supervision, and affirmed the sentence as modified.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Colleen D. Duffy, J.P.; Cheryl E. Chambers, J.; Deborah A. Dowling, J.; Carl J. Landicino, J.; Phillip Hom, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Department
DECIDED	April 29, 2026
DOCKET	2024-01302
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant appealed, as limited by his motion, from a sentence imposed after his guilty plea, arguing that the sentence was excessive.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Whether the sentence was excessive, reviewed through the Appellate Division's discretionary interest-of-justice authority.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Darrel Greenlee v. The People of the State of New York

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the sentence imposed after Greenlee's guilty plea was excessive.
2. Whether the Appellate Division should exercise its discretion in the interest of justice to reduce the sentence.

HOLDINGS

1. The sentence was excessive to the extent indicated, and the Appellate Division reduced the determinate prison term from nine years to seven years while leaving the five-year period of postrelease supervision unchanged.

KEY QUOTATIONS

*“ORDERED that the sentence is modified, as a matter of discretion in the interest of justice, by reducing the sentence imposed from a determinate term of imprisonment of nine years, to be followed by a period of postrelease supervision of five years, to a determinate term of imprisonment of seven years, to be followed by a period of postrelease supervision of five years; as so modified, the sentence is affirmed.” ([*1])*

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Greenlee was convicted of assault in the first degree upon his plea of guilty. The Supreme Court, Kings County, imposed a determinate nine-year term of imprisonment followed by five years of postrelease supervision.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Darrel Greenlee pleaded guilty to assault in the first degree in Supreme Court, Kings County. That court imposed a determinate nine-year prison term followed by five years of postrelease supervision. On appeal, the Appellate Division modified the sentence in the interest of justice by reducing the prison term to seven years and affirmed the sentence as modified.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- People v. Suitte, 90 A.D.2d 80