

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, APPELLATE DIVISION,  
FIRST DEPARTMENT

People v. Cousins

2026 N.Y. Slip Op. 00024 (App. Div. 1st Dep't 2026) · No. Ind. No. 710/21; Appeal No. 5521; Case No. 2022-00923 · Decided January 6, 2026

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, First Department affirmed a judgment of the Supreme Court, New York County, rendered on March 1, 2022, in a criminal case involving Mason Cousins. The court unanimously concluded that the sentence was not excessive.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, First Department                      |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Renwick, P.J.; Manzanet-Daniels, J.; Gesmer, J.; Higgitt, J.; Michael, J.                         |
| JURISDICTION          | New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department                                      |
| DECIDED               | January 6, 2026                                                                                   |
| DOCKET                | Ind. No. 710/21; Appeal No. 5521; Case No. 2022-00923                                             |
| DISPOSITION           | affirmed                                                                                          |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Defendant appealed from a judgment of the Supreme Court, New York County, rendered March 1, 2022. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Published                                                                                         |
| PARTIES               | Mason Cousins v. The People of the State of New York                                              |

TOPICS

- sentencing
- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal law
- appellate practice
- sentencing

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the sentence imposed by the Supreme Court, New York County, was excessive.

## HOLDINGS

1. The sentence was not excessive, and the judgment was affirmed.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion provides no substantive factual background concerning the underlying criminal conduct. The appeal challenged a judgment and sentence rendered by the Supreme Court, New York County, on March 1, 2022.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Mason Cousins appealed a judgment of the Supreme Court, New York County. After argument by counsel and review of the record, the Appellate Division, First Department unanimously affirmed, finding the sentence not excessive.

## DISPOSITION

affirmed

## OPINION

### PER CURIAM.

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THIS CONSTITUTES THE DECISION AND ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST DEPARTMENT. ENTERED: January 6, 2026 Counsel for appellant is referred to § 606.5, Rules of the Appellate Division, First Department.

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