

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

People v. Lassiter-Warren

2026 NY Slip Op 03000 · No. 2024-10470 · Decided May 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Second Department, affirmed a judgment convicting Javen N. Lassiter-Warren of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree following his guilty plea. The court held that his valid waiver of the right to appeal precluded review of the County Court's discretionary denial of youthful offender treatment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Lara J. Genovesi, J.P.; Lillian Wan, J.; Carl J. Landicino, J.; Phillip Hom, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
DECIDED	May 13, 2026
DOCKET	2024-10470
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant appealed from a judgment convicting him, upon his plea of guilty, of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and imposing sentence.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Javen N. Lassiter-Warren v. The People of the State of New York

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether defendant's waiver of the right to appeal was valid.
2. Whether the valid waiver of the right to appeal barred appellate review of the County Court's discretionary determination denying youthful offender treatment.

HOLDINGS

1. Defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived his right to appeal.
2. A valid waiver of the right to appeal precludes appellate review of the County Court's discretionary determination to decline to grant youthful offender treatment.

KEY QUOTATIONS

- “The record demonstrates that the defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived his right to appeal” (*1)*
- “The defendant's valid waiver of his right to appeal precludes appellate review of the County Court's discretionary determination to decline to grant him youthful offender treatment” (*1)*

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Defendant was convicted in the County Court, Dutchess County, of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree after pleading guilty. The County Court imposed sentence and declined to grant youthful offender treatment. On appeal, the Appellate Division determined that defendant had knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived his right to appeal.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Dutchess County Court entered judgment on September 4, 2024, after defendant pleaded guilty to criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and was sentenced. The Appellate Division affirmed, holding that defendant's valid waiver of the right to appeal barred review of the County Court's discretionary refusal to grant youthful offender treatment.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- People v. Thomas, 34 N.Y.3d 545
- People v. Batista, 167 A.D.3d 69
- People v. Pacherille, 25 N.Y.3d 1021, 1024
- People v. Cruz, 243 A.D.3d 920, 920-921

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