

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

**People v Durant**

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**SUMMARY**

The Appellate Division, Second Department affirmed Muntaquim Durant's sentence following his guilty plea. The court held that his valid, knowing, voluntary, and intelligent waiver of the right to appeal precluded review of his claim that the sentence was excessive.

**OPINION**

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PER CURIAM.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department COLLEEN D. DUFFY, J.P.

LARA J. GENOVESI

WILLIAM G. FORD

JANICE A. TAYLOR

JAMES P. MCCORMACK, JJ. 2024-00588

(Ind. No. 72021/23) [\*1]The People of the State of New York, respondent, v Muntaquim Durant, appellant. Patricia Pazner, New York, NY (Victoria L. Benton of counsel), for appellant. Eric Gonzalez, District Attorney, Brooklyn, NY (Leonard Joblove and Jordan Cerruti of counsel; Caleb Otero on the memorandum), for respondent. DECISION & ORDER Appeal by the defendant, as limited by his motion, from a sentence of the Supreme Court, Kings County (Raymond L. Rodriguez, J.), imposed December 18, 2023, upon his plea of guilty, on the ground that the sentence was excessive. ORDERED that the sentence is affirmed. The record demonstrates that the defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waived his right to appeal ( see People v Thomas , 34 NY3d 545 ). The defendant's valid waiver of his right to appeal precludes appellate review of his contention that the sentence imposed was excessive ( see People v Lopez , 6 NY3d 248, 255 ). DUFFY, J.P., GENOVESI, FORD, TAYLOR and MCCORMACK, JJ., concur. ENTER: Darrell M. Joseph Clerk of the Court

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