

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

Harris v. State

No. 437, 2025 · No. No. 437, 2025 · Decided February 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The Delaware Supreme Court dismissed Quantez Harris's criminal appeal after he failed to file an opening brief and appendix. The dismissal was deemed unopposed after Harris did not respond to a notice to show cause, pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 3(b)(2) and 29(b).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of Delaware
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Delaware
DECIDED	February 19, 2026
DOCKET	No. 437, 2025
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appellant's criminal appeal was dismissed after he failed to file an opening brief and appendix and failed to respond to a show-cause notice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published per curiam order
PARTIES	Quantez Harris v. State of Delaware

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure
- final judgment rule

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the appeal should be dismissed because the appellant failed to file an opening brief and appendix and failed to respond to the Court's show-cause notice.

HOLDINGS

- An appeal may be dismissed when the appellant fails to file the required opening brief and appendix and fails to respond to a show-cause notice concerning that failure.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The appellant having failed to respond to the notice to show cause within the required ten-day period or to file the opening brief, dismissal of this action is deemed unopposed.” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appellant did not file the opening brief required by the Court's briefing schedule. He also failed to respond to a delinquency notice and then failed to respond to a certified-mail show-cause notice directing him to explain why the appeal should not be dismissed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court of Delaware issued a briefing schedule requiring the appellant's opening brief by December 24, 2025. After the appellant failed to file the brief or respond to a delinquency notice, the Court issued a show-cause notice; the appellant failed to respond within ten days. The Court dismissed the appeal as unopposed under Supreme Court Rules 3(b)(2) and 29(b).

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE QUANTEZ HARRIS, § § Defendant, § No. 437, 2025 Appellant, § § Court Below: Superior Court v. § of the State of Delaware § STATE OF DELAWARE, § Crim. ID No. K2403000693 § Appellee. § Submitted: February 2, 2026 Decided: February 19, 2026 ORDER (1) The Court issued a briefing schedule in this appeal on November 24, 2025; the appellant's opening brief was due December 24, 2025.

The appellant did not file an opening brief. On December 30, 2025, the Chief Deputy Clerk sent a brief delinquency notice to the appellant. The appellant did not respond to the letter and did not file an opening brief.

(2) On January 9, 2026, the Chief Deputy Clerk issued a notice, sent by certified mail, directing the appellant to show cause why this appeal should not be dismissed because the appellant had not filed an opening brief and appendix.

On January 20, the Court received the certified-mail receipt confirming that the notice had been delivered. The appellant having failed to respond to the notice to show cause within the required ten-day period or to file the opening brief, dismissal of this action is deemed unopposed. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, under Supreme Court Rules 3(b)(2) and 29(b), that the appeal is DISMISSED.

BY THE COURT: /s/ N. Christopher Griffiths Justice 2

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