

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

People ex rel. Boksenbaum v. Maginley-Liddie

2026 NY Slip Op 00464 · No. 2026-00456 · Decided February 2, 2026

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Second Department, held that a defendant charged with felony offenses while on parole was not charged with a bail-qualifying offense under CPL 510.10(4)(r), which refers to probation and postrelease supervision but not parole. The court also held that the charged drug-related offenses were not bail qualifying under CPL 510.10(4)(s). It sustained the habeas corpus writ to the extent of remitting the matter to the Supreme Court, Queens County, for further proceedings.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Valerie Brathwaite Nelson, J.P.; Lillian Wan, J.; Laurence L. Love, J.; Elena Goldberg Velazquez, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
DECIDED	February 2, 2026
DOCKET	2026-00456
DISPOSITION	remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petition for a writ of habeas corpus seeking release of Robert Reid on his own recognizance or placement in a supervised release program with electronic monitoring after the Supreme Court, Queens County, denied his release application.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Review of the statutory interpretation underlying the denial of habeas relief; the court applied the plain meaning of CPL 510.10(4)(r) and (s).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion
PARTIES	People of the State of New York, ex rel. Anna Boksenbaum, on behalf of Robert Reid v. Lynelle Maginley-Liddie

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether a defendant charged with a felony while on parole is charged with a bail-qualifying offense under CPL 510.10(4)(r), which refers to probation or postrelease supervision.
2. Whether Reid's charged drug-related offenses were independently bail-qualifying under CPL 510.10(4)(s).

HOLDINGS

1. A felony charge is not rendered bail-qualifying under CPL 510.10(4)(r) merely because the defendant is on parole; the statute refers to serving a sentence of probation or being released to postrelease supervision, not parole.
2. Reid's charged drug-related offenses were not bail-qualifying under CPL 510.10(4)(s).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Here, contrary to the People's contention, the plain language of CPL 510.10(4)(r) refers only to probation and postrelease supervision; it does not refer to parole, which is an entirely separate category of release”
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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

In September 2025, Robert Reid was arraigned on a felony complaint charging criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree and related offenses. Reid was then on parole for a separate conviction, and the Criminal Court set monetary bail. After Supreme Court denied his request for release or supervised release on the ground that his charges were bail-qualifying, he sought habeas relief in the Appellate Division.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Reid was arraigned in the Criminal Court on felony and related drug charges while on parole, and bail was set. He later applied in Supreme Court, Queens County, for release or supervised release, arguing that the charges were not bail-qualifying under CPL 510.10(4)(r) or (s). Supreme Court denied the application, concluding that the charges qualified under CPL 510.10(4)(r). The Appellate Division sustained the writ in part and remitted for further proceedings.

DISPOSITION

remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The matter was remitted to the Supreme Court, Queens County, for further proceedings consistent with the Appellate Division's determination; the writ was otherwise dismissed.

CASES CITED

- Matter of Town of Southampton v. New York State Dept. of Envtl. Conservation, 39 NY3d 201, 209
- Matter of Mestecky v. City of New York, 30 NY3d 239, 243
- People ex rel. Larson v. Spano, 2025 NY Slip Op 06978, *1
- People ex rel. Ellis v. Imperati, 2025 NY Slip Op 03646, *4
- People v. Finnegan, 85 NY2d 53, 58
- People v. Boykins, 161 AD3d 183, 187

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

People ex rel. Boksenbaum v Maginley-Liddie (2026 NY Slip Op 00464) People ex rel. Boksenbaum v Maginley-Liddie 2026 NY Slip Op 00464 Decided on February 2, 2026 Appellate Division, Second Department Published by New York State Law Reporting Bureau pursuant to Judiciary Law § 431. This opinion is uncorrected and subject to revision before publication in the Official Reports.

Decided on February 2, 2026 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department VALERIE BRATHWAITE NELSON, J.P. LILLIAN WAN LAURENCE L. LOVE ELENA GOLDBERG VELAZQUEZ, JJ. 2026-00456 [*1]The People of the State of New York, ex rel. Anna Boksenbaum, etc., on behalf of Robert Reid, petitioner, v Lynelle Maginley-Liddie, etc., respondent.

Twyla Carter, New York, NY (Anna Boksenbaum pro se of counsel), for petitioner. Melinda Katz, District Attorney, Kew Gardens, NY (Johnnette Traill, Nancy Fitzpatrick Talcott, and Grace C. O'Brien of counsel), for respondent. DECISION & JUDGMENT Writ of habeas corpus in the nature of an application to release Robert Reid upon his own recognizance or, in the alternative, to place him in the supervised release program with electronic monitoring upon Queens County Indictment No. 73565/25.

ADJUDGED that the writ is sustained, without costs or disbursements, to the extent that the matter is remitted to the Supreme Court, Queens County, for further proceedings consistent herewith, and the writ is otherwise dismissed.

In September 2025, the principal, Robert Reid, was arraigned in the Criminal Court on a felony complaint charging him with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree (Penal Law § 220.16), a class B felony, and related charges. At the time of arraignment, the principal was on parole for a conviction in a separate criminal matter.

The arraignment court set bail for the principal in the amount of \$30,000 posted in cash, \$90,000 posted in the form of a partially secured bond, with the requirement of 10% down, or \$90,000 posted in the form of an insurance company bond.

On December 1, 2025, the principal applied to the Supreme Court for release on his own recognizance or, in the alternative, to be placed in the supervised release program. He argued that the charged offenses were not bail-qualifying offenses under CPL 510.10(4)(s) and that his parole status did not make the charged offenses bail qualifying under CPL 510.10(4)(r).

The court denied the application, concluding that the principal was charged with a bail-qualifying offense pursuant to CPL 510.10(4)(r). The petitioner then commenced this proceeding for a writ of habeas corpus in the nature of an application to release the principal upon his own recognizance or, in the alternative, to place the principal in the supervised release program with electronic monitoring.

"Where the principal stands charged with a qualifying offense, the court, unless otherwise prohibited by law, may in its discretion release the principal pending trial on the principal's own recognizance or under non-monetary conditions, fix bail, or order non-monetary conditions in conjunction with fixing bail, or, where the defendant is charged with a qualifying offense which is a felony, the court may commit the principal to the custody of the sheriff" (*id.* § 510.10[4]).

Under CPL 510.10(4)(r), a principal stands charged with a bail-qualifying offense when he or she stands charged with "any felony offense... while serving a sentence of probation or while released to post release supervision." "[I]t is a bedrock principle of statutory interpretation that 'the Court's primary consideration is to ascertain and give effect to the intention of the Legislature'" (*Matter of Town of Southampton v New York State Dept. of Envtl.*

Conservation, 39 NY3d 201, 209, quoting *Matter of Mestecky v City of New York*, 30 NY3d 239, 243). "Since the clearest indicator of legislative intent is the statutory text, the starting point in any case of interpretation must always be the language itself, giving effect to the plain meaning thereof" (*People ex rel. Larson v Spano*, ____ AD3d ____, ____, 2025 NY Slip Op 06978, *1 [internal quotation marks omitted]; see *People ex rel.*

Ellis v Imperati, ____ NY3d ____, ____, 2025 NY Slip Op 03646, *4). Here, contrary to the People's contention, the plain language of CPL 510.10(4)(r) refers only to probation and postrelease supervision; it does not refer to parole, which is an entirely separate category of release (see Executive Law § 259; Penal Law § 70.45). Had the Legislature intended to incorporate parole into CPL 510.10(4)(r), it could have done so (see *People v Finnegan*, 85 NY2d 53, 58).

Thus, since the principal was on parole rather than serving a sentence of probation or released to postrelease supervision, the Supreme Court erred in concluding that he was charged with a bail-qualifying offense within the meaning of CPL 510.10(4)(r).

Moreover, the principal's charged drug-related offenses are not bail qualifying pursuant to CPL 510.10(4)(s) (see *People v Boykins*, 161 AD3d 183, 187). Accordingly, we sustain the writ to the extent of remitting the matter to the Supreme Court, Queens County, for further proceedings consistent herewith.

In light of our determination, we do not reach the petitioner's remaining contention. BRATHWAITE NELSON, J.P., WAN, LOVE and GOLDBERG VELAZQUEZ, JJ., concur.
ENTER: Darrell M. Joseph Clerk of the Court