

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

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Submitted - December 6, 2006

HOWARD MILLER, J.P.
ROBERT A. SPOLZINO
GABRIEL M. KRAUSMAN
STEVEN W. FISHER
MARK C. DILLON, JJ.

2005-03868

DECISION & ORDER

The People, etc., respondent,
v Ronald Hatfield, Jr., appellant.

(Ind. No. 04-00793)

Roger S. Kramintz, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., for appellant.

Janet DiFiore, District Attorney, White Plains, N.Y. (David C. Pilato, Lois C. Valerio,
and Anthony J. Servino of counsel), for respondent.

Appeal by the defendant from a judgment of the County Court, Westchester County
(Molea, J.), rendered March 29, 2005, convicting him of murder in the second degree, upon his plea
of guilty, and imposing sentence.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.

The record demonstrates that the defendant knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently
pleaded guilty (*see People v Harris*, 61 NY2d 9). Furthermore, the County Court conducted an
adequate inquiry into the defendant's vague and unsubstantiated assertions of coercion, which were
belied by the record (*see People v Frederick*, 45 NY2d 520, 524-525; *People Sloane*, 13 AD3d 400;
People v Ellison, 12 AD3d 458; *People v Abney*, 10 AD3d 617).

MILLER, J.P., SPOLZINO, KRAUSMAN, FISHER and DILLON, JJ., concur.

ENTER:



James Edward Pelzer
Clerk of the Court

January 9, 2007

PEOPLE v HATFIELD, RONALD, JR.