SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department

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PRESENT: SCUDDER, P.J., SMITH, PERADOTTO, SCONIERS, AND WHALEN, JJ.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RESPONDENT,

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

MARK A. LORENZ, DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

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Appeal from a judgment of the Erie County Court (Michael F. Pietruszka, J.), rendered September 22, 2010. The judgment convicted defendant, upon his plea of guilty, of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree.

It is hereby ORDERED that the judgment so appealed from is unanimously affirmed.

Memorandum: Defendant appeals from a judgment convicting him upon his plea of guilty of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree (Penal Law § 220.06 [1]). We agree with defendant that the waiver of the right to appeal does not encompass his challenge to the severity of the sentence because "no mention was made on the record during the course of the allocution concerning the waiver of defendant's right to appeal his conviction" that he was also waiving his right to appeal any issue concerning the severity of the sentence (People v Pimentel, 108 AD3d 861, 862, Iv denied 21 NY3d 1076; see People v Maracle, 19 NY3d 925, 928). We nevertheless conclude that the sentence is not unduly harsh or severe.

Entered: July 11, 2014 Frances E. Cafarell Clerk of the Court