

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

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KA 13-01466

PRESENT: SMITH, J.P., PERADOTTO, CARNI, VALENTINO, AND DEJOSEPH, JJ.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RESPONDENT,

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

JACOB J. TAGGART, DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

YVONNE A. VERTLIEB, LANCASTER, FOR DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

MICHAEL J. VIOLANTE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOCKPORT (LAURA T. BITTNER OF COUNSEL), FOR RESPONDENT.

Appeal from a judgment of the Niagara County Court (Matthew J. Murphy, III, J.), rendered March 21, 2013. The judgment convicted defendant, upon his plea of guilty, of attempted gang assault in the second 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 attempted gang assault in the second degree (Penal Law §§ 110.00, 120.06). Contrary to defendant's contention, the record establishes that he knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently waived the right to appeal (*see generally People v Lopez*, 6 NY3d 248, 256), and that valid waiver forecloses any challenge by defendant to the severity of the sentence (*see id.* at 255; *see generally People v Lococo*, 92 NY2d 825, 827; *People v Hidalgo*, 91 NY2d 733, 737).

Entered: January 2, 2015

Frances E. Cafarell
Clerk of the Court