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COURT OF APPEALS NEW FILINGS

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Each week the Clerk's Office prepares a list of recently-filed appeals, indicating short title, jurisdictional predicate, subject matter and key issues. Some of these appeals may not reach decision on the merits because of dismissal, on motion or sua sponte, or because the parties stipulate to withdrawal. Some appeals may be selected for review pursuant to the alternative procedure of Rule 500.11. For those appeals that proceed to briefing in the normal course, the briefing schedule generally will be: appellant's brief to be filed within 60 days after the appeal was taken; respondent's brief to be filed within 45 days after the due date for the filing of appellant's brief; and a reply brief, if any, to be filed within 15 days after the due date for the filing of respondent's brief.

**The Court welcomes motions for amicus curiae participation from those qualified and interested in the subject matter of these newly filed appeals. Please refer to Rule 500.23 and direct any questions to the Clerk's Office.**

PEOPLE v HOOKS (CHAD):

APL-2026-00011

1st Dept. App. Div. order of 10/7/25; affirmance; leave to appeal granted by Cannataro, J., 1/30/26;

**Crimes—Unlawful Search and Seizure—Whether the license plate frame on the vehicle in which defendant was an occupant provided probable cause for a stop of the vehicle for a violation of Vehicle and Traffic Law § 402 (1)(b);**

Supreme Court, New York County, convicted defendant of attempted criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and sentenced him, as a second violent felony offender, to a term of five years; App. Div. affirmed.