

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

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Submitted - May 22, 2018

CHERYL E. CHAMBERS, J.P.  
LEONARD B. AUSTIN  
JEFFREY A. COHEN  
COLLEEN D. DUFFY, JJ.

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2016-12005

DECISION & ORDER

The People, etc., respondent,  
v Ronald Ackridge, also known as  
William Starke, appellant.

(Ind. No. 16-00143)

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Marianne Karas, Thornwood, NY, for appellant.

Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr., District Attorney, White Plains, NY (John J. Carmody  
and Steven A. Bender of counsel), for respondent.

Appeal by the defendant from a judgment of the County Court, Westchester County  
(Helen Blackwood, J.), rendered October 18, 2016, convicting him of driving while intoxicated,  
upon his plea of guilty, and imposing sentence.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.

Contrary to the defendant's contention, he knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently  
waived his right to appeal (*see People v Moore*, 140 AD3d 1091; *People v Bethea*, 133 AD3d 1033).  
The County Court adequately explained, and the defendant acknowledged that he understood, the  
separate and distinct nature of the waiver of the right to appeal, and the defendant signed a written  
waiver, which he discussed with standby counsel and which adequately supplemented the oral  
colloquy (*see People v Moore*, 140 AD3d at 1091; *People v Elliot*, 137 AD3d 715, 716; *People v  
Rivera*, 126 AD3d 727, 728).

The defendant's valid waiver of his right to appeal precludes appellate review of his  
contentions that he was deprived of the effective assistance of counsel and denied his right to  
proceed pro se at his arraignment, as neither of these contentions implicates the voluntariness of his

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plea (*see People v Atkins*, 157 AD3d 899; *People v Amay*, 156 AD3d 895; *see also People v Gordon*, 89 AD3d 1466; *People v Pump*, 67 AD3d 1041).

CHAMBERS, J.P., AUSTIN, COHEN and DUFFY, JJ., concur.

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Aprilanne Agostino  
Clerk of the Court