

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

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KA 22-01548

PRESENT: MONTOUR, J.P., SMITH, GREENWOOD, NOWAK, AND KEANE, JJ.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RESPONDENT,

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

J' SON STRONG, DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.
(APPEAL NO. 1.)

JULIE CIANCA, PUBLIC DEFENDER, ROCHESTER (JONATHAN GARVIN OF COUNSEL),
FOR DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

SANDRA DOORLEY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ROCHESTER (MERIDETH H. SMITH OF
COUNSEL), FOR RESPONDENT.

Appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court, Monroe County
(Charles A. Schiano, Jr., J.), rendered July 25, 2022. The judgment
convicted defendant, upon a plea of guilty, of criminal possession of
a weapon in the second degree.

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

Memorandum: In appeal Nos. 1 and 2, defendant appeals from two
judgments, each convicting him, upon his plea of guilty during a
single plea proceeding, of criminal possession of a weapon in the
second degree (Penal Law § 265.03 [3]). As defendant contends, and
the People correctly concede, defendant's waivers of the right to
appeal are invalid (*see generally People v Thomas*, 34 NY3d 545, 564-
566 [2019], *cert denied* – US –, 140 S Ct 2634 [2020]; *People v Motell*,
229 AD3d 1330, 1330-1331 [4th Dept 2024], *lv denied* 43 NY3d 931
[2025]). Contrary to defendant's contention, however, his sentence is
not unduly harsh or severe.

Entered: November 21, 2025

Ann Dillon Flynn
Clerk of the Court