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

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PRESENT: SMITH, J.P., PERADOTTO, DEJOSEPH, NEMOYER, AND CURRAN, JJ.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RESPONDENT,

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

MICHAEL COIT, DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

THE LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, INC., BUFFALO (DEBORAH K. JESSEY OF COUNSEL), FOR DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.

JOHN J. FLYNN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BUFFALO (DAVID A. HERATY OF COUNSEL), FOR RESPONDENT.

Appeal from an order of the Supreme Court, Erie County (Christopher J. Burns, J.), entered August 9, 2017. The order determined that defendant is a level three risk pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act.

It is hereby ORDERED that the order so appealed from is unanimously affirmed without costs.

Memorandum: On appeal from an order determining that he is a level three risk pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act (Correction Law § 168 *et seq.*), defendant contends that Supreme Court abused its discretion in denying his request for a downward departure from his presumptive risk level. We reject that contention and conclude that defendant "failed to establish by a preponderance of the evidence the existence of mitigating factors not adequately taken into account by the guidelines" (*People v Lewis*, 156 AD3d 1431, 1432 [4th Dept 2017], *lv denied* 31 NY3d 904 [2018]; *see People v Gillotti*, 23 NY3d 841, 861 [2014]). We have reviewed defendant's remaining contention and conclude that it does not warrant modification or reversal of the order.

Entered: January 31, 2020

Mark W. Bennett Clerk of the Court