

People v Samuel Saunders

Motion No: 2026-00491

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Appellate Division, First Department, Motion Decision

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Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Present – Hon. Saliann Scarpulla,
Martin Shulman
Julio Rodriguez III
Marsha D. Michael
Margaret A. Chan,

Justice Presiding,

Justices.

The People of the State of New York,
Respondent,

Motion No. 2026-00491

Ind. No. 200/20

Case No. 2024-07320

-against-

Samuel Saunders,
Defendant-Appellant.

Defendant-appellant, pro se, having moved for an enlargement of time in which to file a notice of appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court, New York County, rendered on or about October 30, 2023, and for a waiver of costs, fees, and expenses on the appeal, assignment of counsel, and related relief,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers with respect to the motion, and due deliberation having been had thereon,

It is ordered that the motion is granted to the extent of deeming the notice of appeal dated September 18, 2024 timely filed and permitting the appeal to be heard on the original record, except that a certified copy of the indictment(s) shall be substituted in place of the original indictment(s), and upon appellant's brief. Appellant and respondent are directed to enter their initial information for electronic filing in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF) pursuant to section 1245.3 of the Electronic Filing Rules of the Appellate Division, and thereafter electronically file their respective briefs.

The court reporter shall promptly make and file with the criminal court (CPL 460.70) one transcript of the stenographic minutes of any proceedings pursuant to CPL 210.20, articles 710 and 730, and of the plea or trial and sentence. The Clerk shall furnish a copy of such transcripts to appellant's counsel, without charge, the transcripts to be returned to this Court when appellant's brief is filed.

In the event the file has been sealed, it is hereby unsealed for the limited purpose of allowing assigned counsel or counsel's representative to access and copy the record for the purpose of preparing the appeal; the record shall include the court file papers and transcripts of the stenographic minutes as they pertain to appellant.

Upon being served with a copy of this order, the Department of Probation is directed to provide assigned counsel with a copy of the presentence report prepared in connection with appellant's sentencing, including the recommendation sheet and any prior reports which are incorporated or referenced in the report.

Caprice R. Jenerson, Esq., Office of the Appellate Defender, 11 Park Place, Suite 1601, New York, New York 10007, Telephone No. 212-402-4100, is assigned as counsel for defendant-appellant for purposes of the appeal. The time within which appellant shall perfect this appeal is hereby enlarged until 180 days from the receipt of the complete record.

ENTERED: June 23, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susanna Molina Rojas', written in a cursive style.

Susanna Molina Rojas
Clerk of the Court