

People v Mel Sweeney

Motion No: 2026-03089

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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. Dianne T. Renwick,
Sallie Manzanet-Daniels
Troy K. Webber
Peter H. Moulton
Tanya R. Kennedy,

Presiding Justice,

Justices.

The People of the State of New York,
Respondent,

-against-

Motion No. 2026-03089
Ind. No. 72839/25
Case No. 2026-03246

Mel Sweeney,
Defendant-Appellant.

Defendant having moved, pursuant to CPL 380.55(2), for a waiver of costs, fees, and expenses on the appeal taken from a judgment of the Supreme Court, New York County, rendered on or about April 28, 2026, for assignment of counsel, and for related relief,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers and the Certification of Eliana Geller, Esq., dated April 28, 2026 and due deliberation having been had thereon,

It is ordered that the motion is granted to the extent that the appeal shall 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.

Twyla Carter, Esq., The Legal Aid Society, 199 Water Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10038, Telephone No. 212-577-3688, 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: July 16, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanna Molina Rojas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susanna" being more prominent and the last name "Rojas" following in a similar style.

Susanna Molina Rojas
Clerk of the Court