State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division Third Judicial Department

Decided and Entered: April 19, 2012 103932

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

Respondent,

 \mathbf{v}

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

MICHAEL STEFANOVICH,

Appellant.

Calendar Date: February 21, 2012

Before: Peters, P.J., Rose, Kavanagh, Stein and McCarthy, JJ.

Erin C. Morigerato, Albany, for appellant.

Kevin C. Kortwright, District Attorney, Fort Edward (Katherine G. Henley of counsel), for respondent.

Appeal from a judgment of the County Court of Washington County (McKeighan, J.), rendered December 6, 2010, convicting defendant upon his plea of guilty of the crime of driving while intoxicated.

In satisfaction of various charges, defendant pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated and waived his right to appeal. In accordance with the terms of the plea agreement, he was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in prison. Defendant now appeals.

Defendant's sole contention is that the sentence is harsh and excessive. We are, however, precluded from addressing this issue given defendant's valid waiver of the right to appeal that he has not challenged (see <u>People v Hyson</u>, 56 AD3d 890, 892 [2008], <u>lv denied</u> 12 NY3d 758 [2009]; <u>see also People v Byrnes</u>, 29 AD3d 1160, 1161 [2006]). Therefore, we decline to disturb the

judgment of conviction.

Peters, P.J., Rose, Kavanagh, Stein and McCarthy, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court