

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

Decided and Entered: November 16, 2017

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK,

Respondent,

v

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

KRISTOPHER G. BROTHERS,  
Appellant.

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Calendar Date: October 20, 2017

Before: McCarthy, J.P., Lynch, Devine, Clark and Pritzker, JJ.

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Susan Patnode, Rural Law Center of New York, Castleton  
(Cynthia Feathers of counsel), for appellant.

Mary E. Rain, District Attorney, Canton (Matthew L. Peabody  
of counsel), for respondent.

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Devine, J.

Appeal from a judgment of the County Court of St. Lawrence  
County (Richards, J.), rendered February 24, 2016, convicting  
defendant upon his plea of guilty of the crime of attempted  
robbery in the third degree.

In satisfaction of several pending charges, defendant  
pleaded guilty to a superior court information charging him with  
attempted robbery in the third degree and waived his right to  
appeal. The terms of the plea agreement included interim  
probation and, upon successful completion of a substance abuse  
treatment program, defendant was to be allowed a reduction to a  
misdemeanor and a sentence of probation. Following various  
violations of the terms of the plea agreement, defendant failed

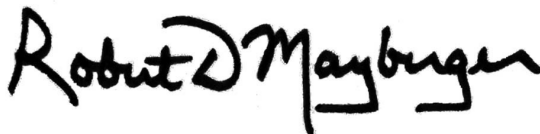
to engage in a substance abuse treatment program and ceased contacting probation, resulting in a warrant being issued for his arrest. County Court thereafter sentenced defendant to a prison term of 1½ to 4 years. Defendant appeals.

We are unpersuaded by defendant's contention that the appeal waiver is invalid. County Court ascertained that defendant understood the waiver and conveyed that the appeal waiver was separate and distinct from those rights automatically forfeited by his guilty plea. Defendant further read and confirmed that he understood the detailed written appeal waiver and had no questions, then executed it in open court. In view of the foregoing, we are satisfied that defendant knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently waived his right to appeal (see People v Bateman, 151 AD3d 1482, 1483 [2017]; People v Hutchison, 151 AD3d 1481, 1482 [2017]). Given the validity of the appeal waiver, defendant's challenge to the sentence as harsh and excessive is precluded (see People v Lopez, 6 NY3d 248, 256 [2006]; People v Bateman, 151 AD3d at 1484; People v Simon, 140 AD3d 1533, 1534 [2016]).

McCarthy, J.P., Lynch, Clark and Pritzker, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.

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Robert D. Mayberger  
Clerk of the Court