

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

STATE OF DELAWARE,)
)
 v.) **I.D. No. 1510013711A&B**
)
 JOSHUA CHATTIN,)
)
 Defendant.)

Date Submitted: January 20, 2026
Date Decided: March 17, 2026

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT’S APPLICATION FOR COMPASSIONATE
RELEASE – SUMMARILY DENIED**

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2026, that Defendant’s Application for Compassionate Release pursuant to 11 *Del. C.* § 4217, be **SUMMARILY DISMISSED**.¹

1. Following a conviction by a jury at trial,² Chattin was sentenced on December 2, 2016, to fifteen (15) years at Level V suspended after ten (10) years at Level V for five (5) years at Level IV suspended after six (6) months at Level IV for two (2) years at Level III probation for Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited; ten years at Level V suspended after two years at Level V for five years at Level III for Drug Dealing; two years at Level V for Possession of a Deadly

¹ 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(b)(6).

² *State v. Joshua Chattin*, Crim. I.D. No. 1510013711A, Docket Item (hereinafter “D.I.”) 28.

Weapon During the Commission of a Felony; and two years at Level V suspended for one year at Level III for Conspiracy Second.³ In total, Chattin was sentenced to fourteen (14) years of unsuspended Level V incarceration.

2. On January 20, 2026, pursuant to 11 *Del. C.* § 4217, Chattin applied for modification of his sentence seeking compassionate release.⁴ This newly enacted avenue for sentence modification allows a certain classification of incarcerated inmates to so move the Court under a limited and defined set of circumstances.⁵ This Section permits summary dismissal of such applications when these strictly defined circumstances are not met by the movant.⁶

3. Summary dismissal pursuant to 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(b)(6) is warranted here in that Chattin, while having served over half of the imposed Level V of his original sentence, did not provide a written statement from the Department of Corrections.⁷

4. Further, summary dismissal, pursuant to 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(b)(6) is warranted here in that Chattin was born in 1993, making him less than 60 years old. Therefore, he can only qualify for compassionate release under this section if he has

³ *State v. Joshua Chattin*, Crim. I.D. No. 1510013711A&B, D.I. 35, 8, respectively. Chattin pled guilty to the Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited charge following his conviction in Crim. Act. No. 1510013711B.

⁴ D.I. 78-79 (1510013711A); 43-44 (1510013711B)

⁵ *See generally*, 11 *Del. C.* § 4217.

⁶ 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(b)(6)

⁷ 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(b)(5) c.

served twenty five (25) years of his originally imposed sentence.⁸ Chattin was only sentenced to 14 years of unsuspended Level V time, therefore he will never qualify for relief under this statute.

5. Finally, Chattin is serving statutorily mandated terms of incarceration at Level V for his convictions and has not yet served all of the statutorily mandated portion of his sentence. This further disqualifies him from relief under § 4217.⁹

6. Chattin is therefore ineligible for relief under 11 *Del. C.* § 4217 and his Application is **SUMMARILY DISMISSED**.

7. Because Chattin's application lacks good cause, it invokes 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(c)(4). Chattin is therefore prohibited from refiling any subsequent application for three (3) years, especially given that any future filing is futile.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



The Honorable Danielle J. Brennan

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⁸ 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(a)(3)c.

⁹ *See* 11 *Del. C.* § 4217(a)(5).

