

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

TYLER VEGA,	§
	§ No. 237, 2026
Defendant Below,	§
Appellant,	§ Court Below–Superior Court
	§ of the State of Delaware
v.	§
	§ Cr. ID Nos. 1808021912 (N)
STATE OF DELAWARE,	§ 1810015826 (N)
	§
Appellee.	§

Submitted: June 26, 2026

Decided: June 30, 2026

Before **SEITZ**, Chief Justice; **LEGROW** and **GRIFFITHS**, Justices.

ORDER

After consideration of the notice to show cause and the appellant’s response, it appears to the Court that:

(1) On June 12, 2026, the appellant, Tyler Vega, filed a notice of appeal from the Superior Court’s order—dated April 1, 2026, and docketed April 2, 2026—denying his motion for correction of illegal sentence. Under Supreme Court Rules 6 and 11, the last day for filing a timely notice of appeal was May 4, 2026. The Chief Deputy Clerk therefore issued a notice directing Vega to show cause why this appeal should not be dismissed as untimely filed. In response to the notice to show cause, Vega explains that he is not an attorney and did not know that he needed to file a notice of appeal.

(2) Time is a jurisdictional requirement.¹ Unless the appellant satisfies 10 *Del. C.* § 147(b)(1) and Rule 6(a)(iii) or can demonstrate that his failure to file a timely notice of appeal is attributable to court-related personnel, a notice of appeal must be received by the Court within the applicable time period to be effective.²

(3) Vega does not claim, and the record does not reflect, that he placed the notice of appeal in the prison's internal mail system on or before May 4, the last day for filing an appeal from the Superior Court's April 1 order. Nor has Vega demonstrated that his untimely filing is attributable to court-related personnel. This appeal must therefore be dismissed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeal is DISMISSED under Supreme Court Rule 29(b).

BY THE COURT:

/s/ N. Christopher Griffiths
Justice

¹ *Carr v. State*, 554 A.2d 778, 779 (Del.), *cert. denied*, 493 U.S. 829 (1989).

² *See* 10 *Del. C.* § 147(b)(1) (effective May 22, 2025) (providing that an appeal filed by a self-represented inmate who is confined in a correctional institution is timely filed if (1) the inmate's notice of appeal is placed in the institution's internal mail system on or before the last day for filing; (2) the first-class postage is prepaid; and (3) the notice of appeal is accompanied by a receipt from the institution's staff verifying the date and time the notice of appeal was placed in the institution's internal mail system); *Del. Supr. Ct. R.* 6(a)(iii)(C) (as amended July 14, 2025) (similar); *Bey v. State*, 402 A.2d 362, 363 (Del. 1979).