

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, August 19, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A27A0163. KENDALL LAWRENCE v. AIMEE SMITH, WARDEN.

In March 2024, the trial court entered an order denying Kendall Lawrence's petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Lawrence then sought to appeal the order in the Supreme Court of Georgia. In January 2025, the Supreme Court denied Lawrence's application for a certificate of probable cause to appeal the denial of habeas corpus. In July 2026, Lawrence filed, in this Court, a "Notice of Appeal to set aside Judgment" pursuant to OCGA §§ 5-6-35(a)(8), 9-11-60(g), and 15-6-21(c), seeking to set aside the Supreme Court order, in part, because he did not receive the denial until July 3, 2026. We, however, lack jurisdiction.

Under our Constitution, the Supreme Court of Georgia has exclusive appellate jurisdiction over all cases involving habeas corpus. See Ga. Const. 1983, Art. VI, Sec. VI, Par. III(4). Accordingly, we hereby TRANSFER this case to the Supreme Court for disposition.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 08/19/2026

*I certify that the above is a true extract from
the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.*

*Witness my signature and the seal of said court
hereto affixed the day and year last above written.*

Christina Bailey Smith

, Clerk.