

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, August 12, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26A0995. GWENDOLYN PATRICIA AUSTIN v. JONATHAN QUERISMA.

Jonathan Querisma, a former tenant of Gwendolyn Patricia Austin, sued Austin seeking to recover damages for personal property that Austin allegedly damaged or disposed of. Following a bench trial, the court found in favor of Querisma and entered a judgment against Austin for \$5,000. Austin then filed this direct appeal. We lack jurisdiction.

Appeals in actions for damages in which the judgment is \$10,000 or less must be initiated by filing an application for discretionary review. OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(6), (b); *Pathfinder Payment Solutions v. Global Payments Direct*, 344 Ga. App. 490, 490–91 (810 SE2d 653) (2018); *Jennings v. Moss*, 235 Ga. App. 357, 357 (509 SE2d 655) (1998). “Compliance with the discretionary appeals procedure is jurisdictional,” *Hair Restoration Specialists v. State of Ga.*, 360 Ga. App. 901, 903 (862 SE2d 564) (2021) (citation and punctuation omitted). And “[f]ailure to file an application when one is necessary requires that the appeal be dismissed.” *Evans v. Jackson*, 368 Ga. App. 170, 173 (1)(b) (889 SE2d 343) (2023) (citation and punctuation omitted).

Accordingly, this appeal is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 08/12/2026

*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.