



No. 2-26-0352

IN THE
APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit,
Plaintiff-Appellee,	)	Lake County, Illinois
	)	
-VS-	)	No. 23 CF 1146
	)	
EHAB ALLABABIDI,	)	Honorable
	)	Christopher R. Stride,
Defendant-Appellant.	)	Judge Presiding.

**MOTION TO DISCHARGE APPOINTED COUNSEL AND
PERMIT THE APPELLANT TO PROCEED *PRO SE***

Appellant, Ehab Allababidi, by Christopher McCoy, Deputy Defender, and Jaime L. Montgomery, Assistant Deputy Defender, Office of the State Appellate Defender, respectfully asks this Honorable Court to discharge the Office of the State Appellate Defender as counsel on appeal and permit Mr. Allababidi to proceed *pro se*.

In support of this motion, counsel states:

1. This Court appointed the Office of the State Appellate Defender to represent Mr. Allababidi on appeal in the above-captioned matter on July 31, 2026. The record on appeal has not yet been prepared. The facts presented herein are derived from documents obtained through the Lake County Circuit Clerk's online portal. Relevant documents are appended to this motion.
2. On September 8, 2025, Mr. Allababidi entered a negotiated guilty plea to aggravated reckless driving and was sentenced to 30 months' probation with various conditions, including a stayed sentence of 180 days in jail. (A1)

3. On May 14, 2026, the State filed a petition to revoke Mr. Allababidi's probation and set the matter for arraignment on the petition on May 28, 2026. (A3)

4. Mr. Allababidi did not appear before the circuit court on May 28, 2026. The circuit court issued a warrant for Mr. Allababidi's arrest that same day. (A4, A5)

5. On June 17, 2026, Mr. Allababidi appeared before the circuit court via video. The court discharged Mr. Allababidi's appointed counsel, declined to quash the warrant for Mr. Allababidi's arrest, and granted the State's oral motion to lift the stay on the 180-day jail sentence. (A6, A7)

6. On July 10, 2026, Mr. Allababidi filed a *pro se* notice of appeal, which was file-stamped on July 23, 2026. (A8-11) The notice of appeal indicates that the nature of the order appealed from is: "Order and minute orders of June 17, 2026 lifting the stay of the 180-day jail term (an order modifying the conditions or, or revoking, a probation sentence, Ill. S. Ct. Rule 604(b)), declining to quash the outstanding arrest warrant, and discharging the Public Defender." The notice of appeal requested the appointment of counsel on appeal. (A11)

7. Mr. Allababidi is currently out of custody.

8. As noted above, this Court appointed the Office of the State Appellate Defender on July 31, 2026.

9. The Office of the State Appellate Defender received notification of its appointment on August 3, 2026. That same day, undersigned counsel received an email from Mr. Allababidi regarding his case. After reviewing the email and the limited documentation available at this stage in the appeal, undersigned counsel spoke to Mr. Allababidi over the telephone. During that conversation, Mr. Allababidi expressed his desire to discharge the Office of the State Appellate Defender so that he can be in

control of the issues raised on appeal. After the phone call, undersigned counsel sent Mr. Allababidi an email recounting their conversation.

10. On August 4, 2026, Mr. Allababidi filed a *pro se* motion titled, “Emergency Omnibus Motion of Defendant-Appellant for a Stay of Sentence and Admission to Bail, For a Stay of the Warrant of May 28, 2026, For Vacatur of the Appointment of Counsel and of the Direction Barring Appellant From Filing, and for Leave to File this Motion.” In his *pro se* motion, Mr. Allababidi expressly asks this Court to, among other things, vacate the appointment of the Office of the State Appellate Defender and to grant leave for the Office to withdraw as counsel on appeal.

11. Illinois law allows a defendant to represent himself on appeal when he does not want to proceed with appointed counsel. See S. Ct. Rule 607(a); 725 ILCS 5/121-13(a) (2026) (both stating that appellate counsel should be appointed if a defendant is indigent and “desires counsel on appeal”). Likewise, the Appellate Court has recognized that “the appointment of counsel—and arguably, the counsel’s continuing tenure—is conditional on the defendant’s desire for such counsel.” *People v. Jackson*, 362 Ill.App.3d 1196, 1199 (4th Dist. 2006).

12. Although the *Jackson* Court ultimately denied the defendant’s request to represent himself, it did so because it found that the request, which was made after the appeal was fully briefed by counsel, was too late and judicial efficiency outweighed the defendant’s interest in self-representation. *Id.* at 1200. Unlike the situation in *Jackson*, Mr. Allababidi’s request is being made prior to any brief being filed in this case.

13. Mr. Allababidi’s request to represent himself is not an attempt to disrupt or delay the proceedings, but stems from honest and fundamental differences between Mr. Allababidi and undersigned counsel concerning the issues to raise in this appeal.

Accordingly, Mr. Allababidi and the Office of the State Appellate Defender respectfully request that this Court discharge the Office of the State Appellate Defender and permit Mr. Allababidi to represent himself on Appeal 2-26-0352.

14. Undersigned counsel believes Mr. Allababidi has been properly advised regarding proceeding *pro se*, and that his request to proceed *pro se*, without the assistance of the Office of the State Appellate Defender, is knowingly and voluntarily made.

15. Pursuant to Local Rule 102(b), undersigned counsel notified opposing counsel of her intent to file this motion. Opposing counsel intends to object to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Allababidi respectfully requests that this Court discharge the Office of the State Appellate Defender and permit him to represent himself *pro se* on Appeal No. 2-26-0352.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER MCCOY
Deputy Defender

/s/ Jaime L. Montgomery
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COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT-APPELLANT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF KANE)

VERIFICATION

Under the penalties provided in law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this motion are true and accurate.

/s/ Jaime L. Montgomery
JAIME L. MONTGOMERY
Assistant Deputy Defender

No. 2-26-0352

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	)	No. 23 CF 1146
-vs-	)	
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EHAB ALLABABIDI,	)	Honorable
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Defendant-Appellant.	)	Judge Presiding.

**Appendix - Supporting Record for Motion to Discharge Appointed
Counsel and Permit Appellant to Proceed *Pro Se***



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

People

Plaintiff,

v.

PEOPLE VS ALLABABIDI

Defendant.

Case No. 23CF00001146

Location: Courtroom 611

Event Date: September 8, 2025 9:00 AM

Event Type: Plea

FINAL

Clerk: Amy B

Charge(s):

Count 1 625 ILCS 5/11-503(a)(1) AGG RECKLESS DRVG/BODILY HARM 4 Guilty
09/08/2025

Count 2 625 ILCS 5/11-601.5(b) SPEEDING 35+ MPH OVER LIMIT A Nolle Prosequi
09/08/2025

Criminal/Traffic - Minutes

Christopher R Stride, Judge
Bailey Russell, Public Defender
Francis P De Rosa IV, States Attorney
ECR Specialist, Lake County Court Reporters

Present in Court

ALLABABIDI, EHAB, Defendant present in person

Nature of Proceedings:

Event Result: Heard 09/08/2025.

Withdraw Not Guilty Plea

Arraignment

Advised of Mandatory Supervised Release

Advised Of Nature Of Charge Sentence

Advised of Right to Trial by Jury or Court

Trial Waived

Enter Negotiated Plea Of Guilty

Nolle Prosequi

- COUNT 2 ONLY

Effects, Consequences Explained, Persisted.

Unconditionally Accepted by Court

Waive Pre-Sentence Investigation

Judgment on Plea

Sentencing

Election of Financial Sentencing

Order Entered



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

- RESTITUTION ORDER ENTERED: \$2,670.86 TO O'BREIN LANDSCAPE - ALL MONEY PAID SHALL
APPLY TO RESTITUTION FIRST.

Defendant Advised of Right to Appeal

It is hereby ordered:

Charge(s):

1 - Count 1 625 ILCS 5/11-503(a)(1): AGG RECKLESS DRVG/BODILY HARM (Original) - Guilty

09/08/2025 Costs and Fees - \$549.00 - Imposed

09/08/2025 Fine - \$75.00 - Ordered

09/08/2025 Probation Special Conditions - 30.0 Month - Ordered

Additional Sentence Information

09/08/2025 Conditional Assessment - State's Attorney-CV or TR - \$2.00 - Ordered

09/08/2025 Probation Service Fee - \$1,500.00 - Ordered

Additional Sentence Information

09/08/2025 Public Defender Fee Felony - \$100.00 - Ordered

09/08/2025 Testing (Service Provider Cost) - \$125.00 - Ordered

Alcohol & Drug

09/08/2025 Employment - Ordered

09/08/2025 Not Possess Illegal Drug - Ordered

Additional Sentence Information

09/08/2025 No Cannabis - Ordered

09/08/2025 No Alcohol Consumed - Ordered

09/08/2025 Nowhere Alcohol Sold - Ordered

09/08/2025 No Driving - Ordered

Do Not Drive Without Valid Driver's License

09/08/2025 No Possess Firearm/Weapon - Ordered

09/08/2025 Abide by Order of Protection - Ordered

09/08/2025 Administrative Sanctions Program - Ordered

09/08/2025 Jail - 180.0 Day - Stayed

Additional Sentence Information

09/08/2025 Public Service - 240.0 Hour - Ordered

Additional Sentence Information

09/08/2025 No Contact - Ordered

Additional Sentence Information

09/08/2025 Attend Program - Ordered

03/07/2028 Victim Impact-Live

09/08/2025 Attend Program - Ordered

03/07/2028 8 Hour Defensive Driving

09/08/2025 Evaluation - Ordered

Rehab Assessment & Serv

2 - Count 2 625 ILCS 5/11-601.5(b): SPEEDING 35+ MPH OVER LIMIT (Original) - Nolle Prosequi

**The matter is set for Terminate on 03/07/2028 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 611. * SEE SENTENCING ORDER
FOR TERM CONDITIONS.**

Release

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Erin Cartwright Weinstein
Clerk of the Court
Lake County, Illinois

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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VS.)
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EHAB ALLABABIDI)

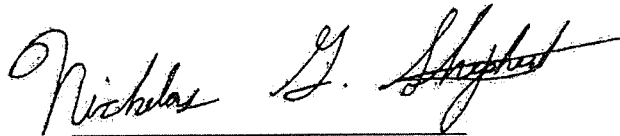
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NOTICE

TO: **Defendant: 8516 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60656**
Attorney:
Probation: Marisa Cervantes, Via Interoffice Mail
CLERK-T611

On May 28th, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, I shall appear in person before the Honorable **Christopher Stride, T-611**, or any Judge sitting in his/her stead, in the Court Room usually occupied by him as a Court Room, Court House, Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, and then and there: Arraign the defendant on the attached Petition for Revocation of Probation.

DATED: May 14, 2026

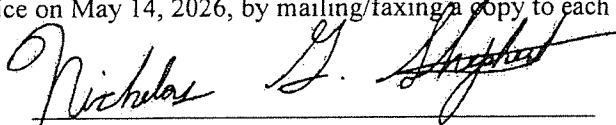


Nicholas Shepherd
Assistant State's Attorney

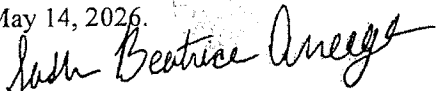
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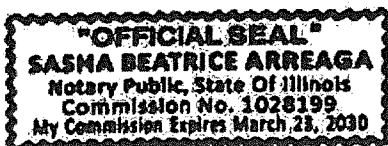
I, Nicholas Shepherd, served this notice on May 14, 2026, by mailing/faxing a copy to each person to whom it is directed.



SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me
May 14, 2026.



NOTARY PUBLIC





IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

People

Plaintiff,

v.

PEOPLE VS ALLABABIDI

Defendant.

Case No. 23CF00001146

Location: Courtroom 611

Event Date: May 28, 2026 9:00 AM

Event Type: Arraignment On Petition To Revoke

Clerk: Johanna B

Charge(s):

Count 1 625 ILCS 5/11-503(a)(1) AGG RECKLESS DRVG/BODILY HARM 4 Guilty

09/08/2025

Count 2 625 ILCS 5/11-601.5(b) SPEEDING 35+ MPH OVER LIMIT A Nolle Prosequi

09/08/2025

Criminal/Traffic - Minutes

Christopher R Stride, Judge

Nicholas Shepherd, States Attorney

ECR Specialist, Lake County Court Reporters

Present in Court

MARISSA CERVANTES - Lake County Adult Probation Services

Nature of Proceedings:

Event Result: Case Called 05/28/2026.

Issue Warrant



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

CASE
NUMBER(S)

23CF00001146

VS.

EHAB ALLABABIDI
8516 W. WINONA ST.
CHICAGO, IL 60656

WARRANT OF ARREST - VIOLATION

To all Peace Officers of the State of Illinois:

You are hereby commanded to arrest **EHAB ALLABABIDI** and bring said person without unnecessary delay before the judge sitting in First Appearance Court in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois, to answer a charge made against said person for a technical violation while on for the following offense(s):

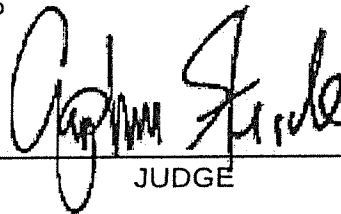
AGG RECKLESS DRVG/BODILY HARMSPEEDING 35+ MPH OVER LIMIT

The defendant shall be held in custody for First Appearance Court.

Issued at Lake County, Illinois on 05/28/2026

PD APPOINTED
ARRESTING
AGENCY:
Lincolnshire




JUDGE

B: 09/24/1996	Race:	Sex: Male	Hair: Brown	Eyes: Brown	HGT: 6	WGT: 200
iver's License: A41120096272		DL State: IL		SSN:	State ID:	
hicle Reg:		Veh Make:		Year:	License Plate:	



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

People

Plaintiff,

v.

PEOPLE VS ALLABABIDI

Defendant.

Case No. 23CF00001146

Location: Courtroom 611

Event Date: June 17, 2026 9:00 AM

Event Type: Status

Clerk: Johanna B

Charge(s):

Count 1 625 ILCS 5/11-503(a)(1) AGG RECKLESS DRVG/BODILY HARM 4 Guilty
09/08/2025

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Criminal/Traffic - Minutes

Christopher R Stride, Judge
ECR Specialist, Lake County Court Reporters
Nicholas Shepherd, States Attorney
Bailey Russell, Public Defender

Present in Court

ALLABABIDI, EHAB, Appellant, Defendant present via video

Nature of Proceedings:

Event Result: Heard 06/17/2026.

Public Defender Discharged

WARRANT WILL NOT BE QUASHED

Oral Motion

TO LIFT STAY ON JAIL SENTENCE

Granted

Order Entered

FILED

6/18/2026 10:48

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Clerk of the Court
Lake County, Illinois

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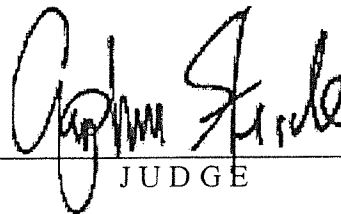
ORDER

This matter coming before this Honorable Court with the Court being fully advised of the premises. It is so ordered:

1. The stay of the 180 day Lake County Jail term of the defendant's sentence is hereby lifted.

Enter:

Dated: June 17, 2026



JUDGE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS — CRIMINAL DIVISION**

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Plaintiff,

v.

EHAB ALLABABIDI,

Defendant.

No. 23 CF 1146

Circuit Court, 19th Judicial Circuit
Lake County, Illinois

Hon. Christopher R. Stride

Presiding Judge

**VERIFIED RENEWED MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF JUDGE
FOR CAUSE AND FOR ASSIGNMENT OF AN OUT-OF-CIRCUIT JUDGE**

725 ILCS 5/114-5(d); to be heard by a judge not named in this motion

REQUESTED DOCKET EVENT: Motion — Substitution of Judge for Cause (725 ILCS 5/114-5(d)). This document is a court filing tendered for docketing. It is not correspondence.

I. RELIEF REQUESTED

- (1) Immediate routing of this motion, as 725 ILCS 5/114-5(d) commands, for hearing “as soon as possible ... by a judge not named in the motion”;
- (2) After hearing, substitution of the Hon. Christopher R. Stride for cause in this cause;
- (3) Whether or not substitution is granted, a request by the presiding authority to the Supreme Court of Illinois, through the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and pursuant to the Court’s general administrative and supervisory authority (Ill. Const. art. VI, § 16), for assignment of a judge from outside the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit to preside over further proceedings in this cause; and
- (4) Pending the threshold hearing, no adverse substantive ruling by any judge named herein, as the statute’s routing command and *In re Dominique F.*, 145 Ill. 2d 311, 324 (1991), require.

II. PROCEDURAL STATUS: THIS DEMAND HAS BEEN PENDING, UNROUTED, SINCE JUNE 15

Defendant’s file-stamped June 15, 2026 omnibus filing contained a substitution-for-cause demand under section 114-5(d). It was entered on the public docket as “Correspondence”, was never routed to a not-named judge, and has never been heard — while, two days after its filing, the named judge granted the State’s oral motion to lift the stay of the 180-day jail term. (Apps. L, Q; companion docket-correction motion.) This verified motion renews the demand in standalone form so that no classification question can again prevent the statute from operating. Section 114-5(d) permits a for-cause motion “at any time”.

III. CAUSE, VERIFIED AND RECORD-BASED

Cause is pleaded from the record of this case, not from the fact of collateral litigation:

- (1) **Custody without the statutory hearing, with the movant's motions pending unheard.** On June 17, 2026, the court activated a 180-day jail term at a status call — no witness, no exhibit, no evidence, no willfulness finding (Apps. L, Q) — while Defendant's file-stamped motions, including a motion to quash the warrant, sat docketed as correspondence. 730 ILCS 5/5-6-4(b)—(d) commands otherwise.
- (2) **Prejudgment of a motion never heard.** The same minutes record the declaration "WARRANT WILL NOT BE QUASHED" — a ruling in form on a motion that was never calendared, briefed, or heard, announced at the proceeding at which the movant's counsel was simultaneously discharged (App. Q).
- (3) **Counsel discharged at the moment of custody.** The Public Defender was discharged at the same proceeding that activated custody, leaving the movant unrepresented at the precise point the statute guarantees counsel (730 ILCS 5/5-6-4(c); *Gagnon v. Scarpelli*, 411 U.S. 778 (1973)).
- (4) **The disclosed setting.** In candor: the movant named the presiding judge in a Supreme Court of Illinois original action (No. 133301, denied June 26, 2026, without opinion) (App. P), and federal litigation arising from this prosecution is pending against circuit personnel (No. 1:26-cv-06738). Movant does not assert that being named in litigation is itself cause; the cause asserted is the June 17 record above. The litigation posture is disclosed so the not-named judge weighs the whole picture, including how these proceedings would appear to a reasonable, fully informed observer.

IV. WHY AN OUT-OF-CIRCUIT ASSIGNMENT IS THE CLEAN ANSWER

The entanglements here are not confined to one courtroom: the Circuit Clerk (an elected officer of this circuit) and her staff, and personnel of the circuit's probation division, are individual-capacity defendants in the pending federal action; the State's Attorney's office faces the conflict addressed in the companion special-prosecutor petition; the Chief Judge is respondent in a pending Supreme Court of Illinois original action (No. 133342, accepted July 6, 2026); and the movant's filings about those very actors must be docketed, calendared, and heard by the offices they concern. No individual impropriety by any unnamed judge is asserted — that is precisely the point: assignment of an outside judge protects the judgment that ultimately issues, whichever way it goes, from the argument that this circuit decided a case about itself. The Supreme Court routinely assigns judges across circuits under its article VI, section 16 authority; this motion asks only that the request be made.

V. ANTICIPATED GROUNDS OF DENIAL, EACH ANSWERED

- (1) **"A for-cause motion after an adverse ruling is disfavored."** The demand was filed June 15 — before the June 17 order — and was never heard; the renewal cures a classification failure, not a tactical delay. And the statute permits the motion "at any time", with the additional cause here arising from the June 17 events themselves.

(2) “Being sued is not cause; litigants cannot manufacture recusal.” Agreed, and this motion does not rest on it: the cause pleaded is the June 17 record — custody without a hearing, prejudgment of an unheard motion, counsel discharged at the moment of custody. The collateral litigation is disclosed, not relied upon.

(3) “The routing requirement does not apply / any judge may deny this.” The text is categorical: a hearing “shall be conducted as soon as possible ... by a judge not named in the motion”. Orders entered after an improperly denied substitution motion are void, *In re Dominique F.*, 145 Ill. 2d at 324 — a defect that infects every later order in the case. Routing protects the record for both sides.

VERIFICATION (735 ILCS 5/1-109). Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters stated to be on information and belief, which I certify I verily believe to be true, and that documents cited from the Shared Appendix are true and correct copies of what they purport to be.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (Rule 12(b)(6); 735 ILCS 5/1-109). I certify that on July 10, 2026 I served a true copy of this filing and the Shared Appendix on the Lake County State’s Attorney, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, IL 60085, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and by email to statesattorney@lakecountyil.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ehab Allababidi

EHAB ALLABABIDI, Defendant, Pro Se

8516 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60656

(773) 920-0030 | defcon5ready@gmail.com

Dated: July 10, 2026

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EHAB ALLABABIDI,*Defendant.***No. 23 CF 1146**Circuit Court, 19th Judicial Circuit
Lake County, Illinois**Hon. Christopher R. Stride**
Presiding Judge

FILED
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Clerk of Court

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendant-Appellant Ehab Allababidi appeals to the Appellate Court of Illinois, Second District, from the order described below:

1. Court to which appeal is taken:

Appellate Court of Illinois, Second District

2. Name of appellant and address:

Ehab Allababidi, 8516 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60656

3. Name and address of appellant's attorney on appeal:

None — Appellant is self-represented (Public Defender discharged June 17, 2026); appointment of counsel on appeal is requested under Ill. S. Ct. Rule 607(a)

4. Date of the judgment or order appealed from:

June 17, 2026

5. Offense of which convicted:

Aggravated reckless driving / bodily harm, Class 4 felony (625 ILCS 5/11-503(a)(1)) — Count 1, judgment of September 8, 2025, as reflected in the circuit court record

6. Sentence:

30 months' probation with a 180-day Lake County Jail term stayed; the stay was lifted by the order of June 17, 2026

7. Nature of the order appealed from:

Order and minute orders of June 17, 2026 lifting the stay of the 180-day jail term (an order modifying the conditions of, or revoking, a probation sentence, Ill. S. Ct. Rule 604(b)), declining to quash the outstanding arrest warrant, and discharging the Public Defender.

/s/ Ehab Allababidi**EHAB ALLABABIDI**, Defendant-Appellant, Pro Se

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Dated: July 10, 2026



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Jeffrey H. Kaplan, Clerk of the Court
APPELLATE COURT 2ND DISTRICT

No. 2-26-0352

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EHAB ALLABABIDI	)	Honorable
	)	Christopher R. Stride,
Defendant-Appellant.	)	Judge Presiding.

NOTICE AND PROOF OF SERVICE

TO: Mr. Edward Randall Psenicka, Deputy Director, State's Attorney
Appellate Prosecutor, Elgin, IL 60123, 2nndistrict.eserve@ilsaap.org

Mr. Ehab Allababidi, 8516 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60656,
defcon5ready@gmail.com

Under penalties as provided in law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the Motion to Discharge Appointed Counsel and Permit the Appellant to Proceed *Pro Se* was filed with the Clerk of the Appellate Court using the court's electronic filing system in the above-entitled cause on August 4, 2026. Upon acceptance of the filing from this Court, persons named above with identified email addresses will be served using the court's electronic filing system and one copy is being mailed to the appellant in an envelope deposited in a U.S. mail box in Elgin, Illinois, with proper postage prepaid.

/s/ Vinette Mistretta
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