

Circuit Court for Baltimore City  
Case Nos. 192324028 and 192325020-27

UNREPORTED  
IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
OF MARYLAND

No. 504

September Term, 2020

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GARY WARD

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

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Nazarian,  
Arthur,  
Moylan, Charles E., Jr.  
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

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PER CURIAM

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Filed: June 4, 2021

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In this case, it is unclear whether Gary Ward, appellant, filed a notice of appeal from the June 2020 denial, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, of a petition for commitment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for treatment pursuant to §§ 8-505 through 8-507 of the Health-General Article, or from the court’s July 2020 denial of a “Motion for Modification of Sentence Due to Pandemic.” What is clear is that in his brief, Mr. Ward challenges not those denials, but the court’s August 2017 denial of a petition for writ of actual innocence. This Court previously reviewed and affirmed that judgment. *Ward v. State*, No. 1618, September Term 2017 (filed October 12, 2018). Mr. Ward’s claims are barred by the doctrine of res judicata, see *Board of Ed v. Norville*, 390 Md. 93, 106 (2005) (the “doctrine of res judicata bars the relitigation of a claim if there is a final judgment in a previous litigation where the parties, the subject matter[,] and causes of action are identical or substantially identical as to issues actually litigated and as to those which could have or should have been raised in the previous litigation”), and hence, we will not review them.

**JUDGMENTS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR BALTIMORE CITY AFFIRMED.  
COSTS TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.**