

Circuit Court for Frederick County
Case No.: 10-K-03-034183

UNREPORTED
IN THE APPELLATE COURT
OF MARYLAND*

No. 986

September Term, 2025

FREDERICK JO VAUGHN

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

Wells, C.J.,
Albright,
Meredith, Timothy E.
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: February 20, 2026

*This is a per curiam opinion. Under Rule 1-104, the opinion is not precedent within the rule of stare decisis, nor may it be cited as persuasive authority.

Frederick Jo Vaughn, appellant, appeals from the denial of a Rule 4-345(a) motion to correct an illegal sentence he had filed in the Circuit Court for Frederick County. He claims that the circuit court erred in denying his motion because the sentence, imposed in 2004, “did not satisfy the requirements of the habitual offender statute Art. 27, 643B(b).” In support of his position, the self-represented Mr. Vaughn attached to his brief a letter from the Assistant State’s Attorney, dated August 26, 2004, setting forth proposed terms for a plea deal. In that letter, the prosecutor noted that, “under the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines . . . [t]he Guidelines on each offense are enhanced, or stack, making the aggregate Guideline recommendation if he was convicted on all seven of those charges from a minimum of 175 years to a maximum of 7 life sentences.” Mr. Vaughn, however, appears to misunderstand the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines and former Article 27 § 643B(b), the latter of which called for a mandatory life sentence for “[a]ny person who has served three separate terms of confinement in a correctional institution as a result of three separate convictions of any crime of violence[.]” Mr. Vaughn, however, was not sentenced pursuant to that statute.

**JUDGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR FREDERICK COUNTY AFFIRMED.
COSTS TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.**