

UNREPORTED
IN THE APPELLATE COURT
OF MARYLAND

No. 1344

September Term, 2024

IN THE MATTER OF MICAH HILL

Graeff,
Kehoe, S.,
Sharer, J. Frederick
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: May 16, 2025

*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.

Micah Hill, appellant, and American General Assignment Corporation entered into a structured settlement agreement to resolve a personal injury claim. The agreement provided for certain periodic payments to be made to appellant. J.G. Wentworth Originations, LLC, appellee, subsequently agreed to purchase the remaining structured settlement payments owed to appellant in exchange for \$70,524.00. In August 2014, the Circuit Court for Howard County entered an order approving the purchase of the structured settlement payments.

In August 2024, appellant filed a petition for contempt, naming appellee as the defendant and summarily claiming that American General Assignment Corporation had failed to obey the court’s 2014 order. On August 8, 2024, the court denied the petition for contempt without prejudice, on the grounds that the petition did “not contain any statement as to how any court order was not complied with.” This appeal followed.

Appeals of denials of contempt - unlike appeals from grants of contempt - are not appealable judgments. Cts. & Jud. Proc. Art. § 12-304; *Pack Shack, Inc. v. Howard Cnty.*, 371 Md. 243, 254 (2002) (holding that CJP § 12-304 does not allow a right to an appeal by “a party who unsuccessfully seeks to have another party held in contempt” (quotation marks and citation omitted)). Because appellant was not held in contempt, he cannot

appeal the court’s denial of his petition for contempt. Consequently, we lack jurisdiction to review the court’s decision and must dismiss the appeal.¹

**MOTION TO CORRECT RECORD
DENIED. APPEAL DISMISSED. COSTS
TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.**

¹ On April 11, 2024, appellant filed a Motion to Correct the Record. We shall deny that motion.