

Circuit Court for Baltimore County  
Case No.: 03-K-05-000643

UNREPORTED  
IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
OF MARYLAND

No. 1400

September Term, 2020

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JASON TERANCE RICHARDS

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

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Fader, C.J.,  
Zic,  
Raker, Irma S.  
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),  
JJ.

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PER CURIAM

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Following a 2005 trial in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, a jury found Jason Terance Richards, appellant, guilty of first-degree murder, two counts of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, and second-degree rape. The court sentenced him to life imprisonment for first-degree murder, and to twenty consecutive years' imprisonment for second-degree rape; the remaining counts were merged for sentencing.<sup>1</sup>

In the ensuing years, Richards has mounted various unsuccessful attacks on his convictions. In August of 2020, acting *pro se*, he filed a petition for a writ of error coram nobis which the circuit court denied without holding a hearing. Appellant noted an appeal from that denial. In this appeal, appellant claims that the circuit court erred in denying his petition.

To be eligible for coram nobis relief, a petitioner must satisfy various criteria. One of those criterion is that the petitioner is not incarcerated or on parole or probation. *Graves v. State*, 215 Md. App. 339, 348 (2013). As noted above, in 2005, the court sentenced appellant to life plus twenty consecutive years' imprisonment. He is still incarcerated, and he will be incarcerated or on parole for the remainder of his life. Thus, he is not now eligible for coram nobis relief. The circuit court, therefore, did not err or abuse its discretion in denying his petition for a writ of error coram nobis.

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<sup>1</sup> This sentence reflects the changes that were made after this Court remanded the case to the circuit court upon direct appeal.

Consequently, we affirm the judgment of the circuit court.

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

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