Circuit Court for Harford County Case No. C-12-FM-23-001774

<u>UNREPORTED</u>

IN THE APPELLATE COURT

OF MARYLAND

No. 1904

September Term, 2024

BRANDY JACKSON

v.

ARTHUR JACKSON

Wells, C.J.,
Friedman,
Woodward, Patrick L.
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: August 6, 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.

In November 2023, Arthur Jackson, appellee, filed a complaint in the Circuit Court for Harford County seeking an absolute divorce from Brandy Jackson, appellant. Appellant filed an answer wherein she admitted to all the allegations, and requested that the court "[g]rant the relief requested in the complaint[.]" Following a trial, at which appellant failed to appear, the court entered an order granting appellee a judgment of absolute divorce on the grounds of irreconcilable differences. In that order, the court further found that the "parties have waived any claim for alimony or monetary award[.]"

Appellant raises two issues on appeal: (1) that she did not attend the trial because appellee "told me for over a year we [were] going to stay married and work on our marriage[;]" and (2) that she should receive some "amount [of spousal support] to help with [her] 2500-2800 a month in bills." But in her answer to appellee's complaint, appellant did not request alimony. In fact, she specifically asked the court to grant the relief requested by appellee. Because appellant did not raise these claims at any other point during the circuit court proceedings, they are not preserved for appellate review. *See* Maryland Rule 8-131(a) (noting that an appellate court will not ordinarily decide an issue "unless it plainly appears by the record to have been raised in or decided by the trial court"). Consequently, we shall affirm the judgment of the circuit court.

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