

Circuit Court for Montgomery County
Case No. 124345C

UNREPORTED
IN THE APPELLATE COURT
OF MARYLAND

No. 986

September Term, 2024

KENNETH ADOLPHUS HINTON

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

Shaw,
Ripken,
Meredith, Timothy E.
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: March 28, 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.

Kenneth Adolphus Hinton, appellant, appeals from the denials, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, of a “Motion and Request for Order of Contempt of Court and for Sanctions” (hereinafter “motion for order of contempt”) and a “Request for Hearing(s).” For the reasons that follow, we shall dismiss the appeal.

“Following an August 2015 jury trial in the circuit court, Mr. Hinton, . . . representing himself, was convicted of theft scheme of at least \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 and 26 counts of perjury by affidavit.” *Hinton v. State*, No. 134, Sept. Term 2024 (filed January 14, 2025), slip op. at 1 (internal citation, quotations, and brackets omitted). “On November 12, 2015, the court sentenced Mr. Hinton to a total term of imprisonment of sixty years for the convictions of perjury, and a consecutive term of imprisonment of ten years for the conviction of theft scheme, for a total term of imprisonment of seventy years.” *Id.*

On April 5, 2024, Mr. Hinton filed the motion for order of contempt, in which he contended that his “former legal counsel . . . capriciously, deliberately, maliciously[,] and intentionally provided false representations and lied . . . that he provided to [Mr. Hinton] all discovery evidence and materials to him prior to his jury trial.” Mr. Hinton also filed a request for hearings on the motion and four other pleadings. On July 1, 2024, the court entered orders in which it denied the motion and request.

Mr. Hinton contends that for numerous reasons, the court erred in denying the motion and request. The State moves to dismiss the appeal on the ground that it is “not allowed by law.” Alternatively, the State requests that we affirm the judgments of the circuit court.

We agree with the State that dismissal is required. Md. Code (1974, 2020 Repl. Vol., 2023 Supp.), § 12-301 of the Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article, states that generally, “a party may appeal from [only] a final judgment entered in a civil or criminal case by a circuit court.” Mr. Hinton does not cite any authority that classifies the denial of a motion for order of contempt or a request for hearings as a final judgment from which he may appeal. Accordingly, we grant the State’s motion and dismiss the appeal.

**APPEAL DISMISSED. COSTS TO BE PAID
BY APPELLANT.**