

Circuit Court for Montgomery County  
Case No. 484993V

UNREPORTED  
IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
OF MARYLAND

No. 1415

September Term, 2021

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IN THE MATTER OF EDMUND AWAH

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Berger,  
Reed,  
Meredith, Timothy E.  
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

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PER CURIAM

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Filed: June 27, 2022

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Edmund Awah, appellant, appeals from the dismissal, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, of his petition for judicial review of an administrative agency decision. For the reasons that follow, we shall affirm the judgment of the circuit court.

On June 1, 2018, Mr. Awah filed with the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (“Board”) a claim in which he contended that he had suffered multiple stab wounds while working in Montgomery County as a cab driver, and requested awards for unreimbursed medical expenses and temporary total disability. On May 20, 2020, the Board awarded Mr. Awah \$25,234.52 for his unreimbursed medical expenses, but denied his claim for temporary total disability on the ground that he failed to provide supporting evidence. On August 7, 2020, the Board’s decision was affirmed by the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (“Office”). On September 17, 2020, the Board mailed its decision to Mr. Awah.

On October 15, 2020, Mr. Awah filed in the circuit court a petition for judicial review, to which the court assigned case number 483759V. On February 17, 2021, the court dismissed the petition without prejudice in accordance with Rule 7-206 (the “petitioner . . . shall pay the expense of transcription” of testimony, and the “action shall be dismissed if the record has not been transmitted within the time prescribed”). On March 5, 2021, Mr. Awah filed a second petition for judicial review, to which the court assigned case number 484993V. On October 5, 2021, the Board moved to dismiss the petition on the ground, among others, that Mr. Awah failed to file it in a timely manner pursuant to Md. Code (2001, 2018 Repl. Vol., 2020 Supp.), § 11-815(c) of the Criminal Procedure Article (“[w]ithin 30 days after the final decision of the [Office], a claimant aggrieved by

that decision may appeal the decision”). The court granted the motion and dismissed the petition.

Mr. Awah contends that the court erred in dismissing the petition, because the March 2021 petition was “essentially a renewal of/refiling of” the October 2020 petition, and hence, the March 2021 petition was “*ipso facto* timely.” But, Mr. Awah does not cite any authority that allows him to revive his previously dismissed administrative appeal in such a manner. On the contrary, Mr. Awah’s appeal of the Board’s decision terminated when the court dismissed the October 2020 petition for his failure to meet the requirements of Rule 7-206. Hence, the court did not err in dismissing the March 2021 petition.

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