

STATE OF MAINE

v.

RENE REYES MEJIA

Submitted On Briefs January 24, 2008

Decided February 21, 2008

Panel: CLIFFORD, ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Rene Reyes Mejia appeals from a judgment of the Superior Court (Cumberland County, *Bradford, A.R.J.*) denying his request for post-conviction relief from his 1998 conviction for two counts of assault (Class D), 17-A M.R.S. § 207 (2007), entered on his guilty plea. We do not address Mejia’s contention—that the court erred in failing to afford relief from the judgment based on the immigration consequences of the conviction—because Mejia has failed to comply with the procedure for discretionary appeals for post-conviction review. *See* 15 M.R.S. § 2131(1) (2007) (“A petitioner aggrieved by the final judgment [of the Superior Court denying post-conviction review] may not appeal as of right. The time for taking the appeal and the manner and any conditions for the taking of the

appeal are as the Supreme Judicial Court provides by rule.”); M.R. App. P. 19(a), (c) (stating that unless and until a petitioner is granted a “certificate of probable cause authorizing consideration of the appeal on the merits” based on the petitioner’s submission of a memorandum identifying the issues that merit such consideration, the petitioner is barred from seeking appellate relief); *see also* 15 M.R.S. § 2122 (2007) (noting that post-conviction review is the “exclusive method of review of those criminal judgments and of post-sentencing proceedings occurring during the course of sentences”).

The entry is:

Appeal dismissed.

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