

# Illinois Official Reports

## Supreme Court

*People v. Ward*, 2025 IL 129627

Caption in Supreme Court: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Appellant, v. MICHEAIL WARD, Appellee.

Docket No. 129627

Filed January 2, 2025

Decision Under Review Appeal from the Appellate Court for the First District; heard in that court on appeal from the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Hon. Nicholas Ford, Judge, presiding.

Judgment Appeal dismissed.

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*PER CURIAM*

**OPINION**

¶ 1 In this case, one justice of this court has recused himself, and the remaining members of the court are divided so that it is not possible to secure the constitutionally required concurrence of four judges for a decision (see Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, § 3). Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed. The effect of this dismissal is the same as an affirmance by an equally divided court of the decision under review but is of no precedential value. See *Perlman v. First National Bank of Chicago*, 60 Ill. 2d 529, 530 (1975).

¶ 2 NEVILLE, J., took no part.