

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO**

SEVENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT  
MAHONING COUNTY

STATE OF OHIO,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

NATHANIEL DUMAS,

Defendant-Appellant.

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**OPINION AND JUDGMENT ENTRY**  
**Case No. 12 MA 0031**

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Delayed Application to Reopen

**BEFORE:**

Cheryl L. Waite, Gene Donofrio, Carol Ann Robb, Judges.

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**JUDGMENT:**

Overruled.

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Dated: January 30, 2023

**PER CURIAM.**

{¶1} On November 17, 2022, Appellant Nathaniel Dumas filed a delayed motion for reopening in Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 11 CR 429, pursuant to App.R. 26(B). Appellant was convicted of and sentenced for felony murder, aggravated robbery, and possession of a firearm while under a disability, along with corresponding firearm specifications. He was sentenced to twenty-eight years to life in prison. The judgment was affirmed on direct appeal. *State v. Dumas*, 7th Dist. Mahoning No. 12 MA 31, 2015-Ohio-2683. Appellant's application for reopening asserts ineffective assistance of counsel in his direct appeal.

{¶2} This is Appellant's second application for reopening. In our prior Opinion, we determined that Appellant's counsel was effective in the direct appeal. *State v. Dumas*, 7th Dist. Mahoning No. 12 MA 0031, 2016-Ohio-4799, at ¶ 13. “[T]here is no right to file successive applications for reopening.” *State v. Williams*, 99 Ohio St.3d 179, 2003-Ohio-3079, 790 N.E.2d 299, ¶ 12. “Once ineffective assistance of counsel has been raised and adjudicated, res judicata bars its relitigation.” *State v. Cheren*, 73 Ohio St.3d 137, 138, 652 N.E.2d 707 (1995).

{¶3} Appellant's delayed application for reopening is overruled.

**JUDGE CHERYL L. WAITE**

**JUDGE GENE DONOFRIO**

**JUDGE CAROL ANN ROBB**

**NOTICE TO COUNSEL**

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