

COURT OF APPEALS

Christina L. Bluebird,
Appellant,

Case #: 21-AC-004

v.

Date: June 2, 2021

Sandra Reveles, Oneida Police Commission Chairperson,
Eric Boulanger, Oneida Police Department Chief of Police,
Sgt. Nathan Ness, Oneida Police Department, and
Officer (unnamed) Mehojah, Oneida Police Department,
Respondents.

INITIAL REVIEW DECISION

This matter has come before Oneida Judiciary Appellate Judges: Diane House, Chad Hendricks, and Leland Wigg-Ninham for appellate review.

BACKGROUND

The Appellant Christina L. Bluebird (hereinafter “Blue Bird”) was terminated from employment at the Oneida Police Department on August 25, 2019. Bluebird appealed her termination to Eric Boulanger, Oneida Police Department’s Chief of Police (hereinafter “Boulanger”). After concluding his investigation, Boulanger upheld Blue Bird’s termination. Blue Bird appealed Boulanger’s decision to uphold her termination to the Oneida Police Commission. The Oneida Police Commission accepted Blue Bird’s appeal. On November 24, 2020, the Oneida Police Commission affirmed Boulanger’s decision to uphold Blue Bird’s termination. On May 6, 2021, Blue Bird filed a Notice of Appeal with this Court.

DECISION

This Court has the responsibility to be fair and consistent in its interpretation of existing Oneida law. When timelines are given, all that come to the Court must abide by the timelines, even in instances where other timelines or the response time provided by others appear to be extreme.

Pursuant to Oneida Rules of Appellate Procedure §805.5-2 (a), a Notice of Appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days after a judgment or order is rendered. In accordance with Oneida Rules of Appellate Procedure §805.9-1, *Deadline Computation*, the Notice of Appeal in this matter should have been filed by December 24, 2020. Because Blue Bird failed to file the Notice of Appeal within the thirty (30) date timeline as required, this Appeal is denied for appellate review.

By the authority vested in the Oneida Judiciary, Court of Appeals, in Oneida General Tribal Council Resolutions 01-07-13-B and 03-19-17-A, this appeal is hereby **DENIED** for review. Dated this 25th day of May 2021. In the matter of Case Number 21-AC-004, *Christina L. Blue Bird v. Sandra Reveles, Oneida Police Commission Chairperson, Eric Boulanger, Oneida Police Department Chief of Police, Sgt. Nathan Ness, Oneida Police Department, and Officer Mehojah, Oneida Police Department.*

It is so ordered.