

COURT OF APPEALS

Joshua David,
Appellant,

Case No.: 26-AC-002

v.

Date: April 7, 2026

Corinne DeCorah,
Respondent.

INITIAL REVIEW DECISION

This matter has come before Court of Appeals Judges Daniel Cornelius, Diane House, and Chief Appellate Judge Patricia M. Garvey.

BACKGROUND

The Appellant Joshua David (hereinafter “David”) is appealing the Oneida Family Court Default Order Modifying Child Support entered on February 12, 2026. This was a continued hearing from July 31, 2025, to modify child support. David did not contact the Oneida Nation Child Support Agency nor his advocate, Tsyoslake House, regarding pending matters, and he failed to appear for this hearing. On March 9, 2026, David filed a perfected appeal of the Default Order claiming the decision is not supported by substantial evidence on the record as a whole.

ANALYSIS

After reviewing the information contained in the Notice of Appeal and the decision of the Oneida Family Court as the original hearing body, it is determined that David has not sufficiently alleged that the decision:

1. Violated applicable provisions of the Constitution;
2. Violated provisions, substantive or procedural, of applicable Tribal law or applicable federal law;

3. Is an administrative decision that is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with applicable law; or
4. Is not supported by the substantial evidence on the record taken as a whole.

David failed to appear for the February 12, 2026, hearing. The only remedy available to David is pursuant to 8 O.C. 803.29-6. As stated in the last paragraph of the February 12, 2026, Family Court decision:

THIS IS A DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS
OUTLINED IN THE LAW UNLESS A PARTY PRESENTS TO THE COURT
GOOD CAUSE TO REINSTATE THE MATTER OR OVERTURN THE ORDER
PURSUANT TO 8 O.C.803.29-6.

David has not presented to the Family Court “good cause” to reopen the matter or overturn the Order. Nor has he presented a legal argument to this Court as to why the Default Order is not supported by the evidence. As a result, David has failed to state the legal grounds for his appeal under the Oneida Rules of Appellate Procedure §805.5-2(c)(3).

DECISION

For the reasons stated above, this appeal is DENIED for 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, the appeal is **DENIED** for review. Dated this 7th day of April 2026, in the matter of Case No. 26-AC-002, *Joshua David v. Corinne DeCorah*.

It is so ordered.