

STATE OF MAINE

v.

ANDREW A. VAZ

Submitted on Briefs February 24, 2011
Decided March 10, 2011

Panel: LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Andrew A. Vaz appeals from the acceptance of his guilty plea, entered by the clerk of the District Court (York), pursuant to 4 M.R.S. § 164-A (2010), for violations of two federal motor carrier safety regulations (Class E), 49 C.F.R. §§ 391.15(a), 395.3(b) (2010). *See* 29-A M.R.S. § 555(2) (2008) (permitting the Bureau of State Police to adopt rules to incorporate certain federal regulations);¹ 29-A M.R.S. § 558(1-B) (2008) (criminalizing violations of adopted federal regulations);² 9 C.M.R. 16 222 004 § 4 (2007) (adopting 49 C.F.R. Parts 391, 395, subject to certain amendments).³ There is no right to a direct appeal from a guilty plea in a criminal case except for claims that the court lacked jurisdiction or the punishment was cruel or unusual. *State v. Huntley*, 676 A.2d 501, 503 (Me. 1996). We therefore dismiss the appeal.

¹ Title 29-A M.R.S. § 555(2) (2008) has since been amended, but not in any way that affects Vaz's appeal. P.L. 2009, ch. 251, § 1 (effective Sept. 12, 2009) (codified at 29-A M.R.S. § 555(2) (2010)).

² Title 29-A M.R.S. § 558(1-B) (2008) has since been amended, but not in any way that affects Vaz's appeal. P.L. 2009, ch. 251, §§ 2-4 (effective Sept. 12, 2009) (codified at 29-A M.R.S. § 558(1-B) (2010)).

³ Volume 9 C.M.R. 16 222 004 § 4 (2007) has since been amended. *See* 9 C.M.R. 16 222 004 § 4 (2010).

The entry is:

Appeal dismissed.

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