

STATE OF MAINE

v.

RICHARD W. ADAMS

Submitted on Briefs September 27, 2012  
Decided October 2, 2012

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD,  
GORMAN, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Richard W. Adams appeals from a judgment of conviction of domestic violence assault (Class D), 17-A M.R.S. § 207-A(1)(A) (2011), entered after a jury trial by the trial court (Aroostook County, *Hunter, J.*). Contrary to Adams's contention, the evidence, when viewed in the light most favorable to the State, was sufficient for a fact-finder to rationally find that the State had disproved Adams's asserted defense of premises justification beyond a reasonable doubt. *See* 17-A M.R.S. §§ 101(1), 104(1) (2011); *State v. Holland*, 2012 ME 2, ¶ 28, 34 A.3d 1130. Furthermore, the court's imposition of a requirement that Adams complete a certified batterers' intervention program as a condition of probation did not constitute cruel or unusual punishment under either the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution or article I, section 9 of the Maine Constitution. *See State v. Fortune*, 2011 ME 125, ¶ 39, 34 A.3d 1115; *State v. Ward*, 2011 ME 74, ¶ 19, 21 A.3d 1033.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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