

STATE OF MAINE

v.

PERLEY GOODRICH JR.

Argued June 13, 2012
Decided June 21, 2012

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Perley Goodrich Jr. appeals from a judgment of conviction entered in the Superior Court (Penobscot County, *Anderson, J.*) of manslaughter (Class A), 17-A M.R.S. § 203(1)(B) (2011), and aggravated assault (Class B), 17-A M.R.S. § 208(1)(B) (2011), following a jury trial. The sole issue Goodrich raises on appeal is whether the trial court erred in refusing to suspend the proceedings on the first day of Goodrich's trial after Goodrich's attorney told the court that he believed that his client was too anxious to meaningfully assist in his defense. Contrary to Goodrich's contention, the Superior Court did not abuse its discretion in failing to further inquire into his competency after having found him competent the previous day because there was no genuine doubt as to Goodrich's competence to proceed. *Haraden v. State*, 2011 ME 113, ¶ 7, 32 A.3d 448; *State v. Barrett*, 577 A.2d 1167, 1170 (Me. 1990); *Thursby v. State*, 223 A.2d 61, 68-69 (Me. 1966).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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