Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 14-7 Docket No. Cum-13-184

STATE OF MAINE

v.

BRENTON H. DICKSON JR.

Argued December 18, 2013 Decided January 14, 2014

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, LEVY,^{*} SILVER, MEAD, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Brenton H. Dickson Jr. appeals from a judgment of conviction entered in the trial court (*Kelly, J.*) upon his conditional guilty plea to operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended (Class E), 29-A M.R.S. § 2412-A(1-A)(C)(1) (2013), following a denial of his motion to suppress evidence obtained during a traffic stop. Contrary to Dickson's contention, the trial court did not err in concluding that the investigating officer had a reasonable, articulable suspicion to initiate a traffic stop of the vehicle that Dickson was driving. *See State v. Huether*, 2000 ME 59, ¶¶ 2, 7-8, 748 A.2d 993. Therefore, the court did not err in denying Dickson's motion to suppress. *Id.* ¶¶ 1, 8.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

^{*} Although not available at oral argument, Justice Levy participated in this memorandum of decision. *See* M.R. App. P. 12(a) (stating that a "qualified justice may participate in a decision even though not present at oral argument").

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