

STATE OF MAINE

v.

DANIELLE L. MCCLUSKIE

Submitted on Briefs May 4, 2020
Decided May 12, 2020

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Danielle L. McCluskie appeals from a judgment of conviction for aggravated forgery (Class B), 17-A M.R.S. § 702(1)(D) (2020), entered by the trial court (Penobscot County, *A. Murray, J.*) following McCluskie’s conditional guilty plea, *see* M.R.U. Crim. P. 11(a)(2), that preserved her opportunity to challenge an order denying her motion to suppress evidence.

Contrary to McCluskie’s contention, the court did not err by concluding that the traffic stop resulting in this prosecution was supported by the officer’s reasonable articulable suspicion that McCluskie was operating a vehicle without proper rear registration plate illumination, in violation of 29-A M.R.S. § 1909 (2020). *See State v. Violette*, 2016 ME 65, ¶ 3, 138 A.3d 491 (“[A]n investigatory stop of a vehicle is justified when the police officer has an objectively reasonable, articulable suspicion that . . . a civil violation . . . is occurring . . . based on the totality of the circumstances.” (quotation marks omitted)).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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