

STATE OF MAINE

v.

BILLY D. GROTTON

Submitted on Briefs January 25, 2023
Decided February 7, 2023

Panel: MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Billy D. Grotton appeals from a judgment of conviction for night hunting (Class D), 12 M.R.S. § 11206(1) (2022); unlawful use or possession of implements or aids (Class E), 12 M.R.S. § 11214(1)(M) (2022); and baiting deer (Class E), 12 M.R.S. § 11452(1)(A) (2022), entered by the trial court (Somerset County, *Jabar, J.*) after a one-day jury trial. Contrary to Grotton's contentions, the trial court did not err in denying Grotton's request for a jury instruction on ignorance or mistake. *See* 17-A M.R.S. § 36 (2022); *State v. Okie*, 2010 ME 6, ¶ 8, 987 A.2d 495; *State v. Siracusa*, 2017 ME 84, ¶¶ 10-13, 160 A.3d 531; *State v. Lajoie*, 2017 ME 8, ¶¶ 16-18, 154 A.3d 132; *State v. Fowler*, 676 A.2d 43, 44-45 (Me. 1996). Furthermore, the trial court conducted a proper inquiry into an allegation of juror misconduct and appropriately exercised its discretion in denying Grotton's motion for mistrial. *See* M.R. Evid. 606(b); *State v. St. Pierre*, 1997 ME 107, ¶¶ 8-11, 693 A.2d 1137.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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