Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 23-66 Docket No. Was-22-417

STATE OF MAINE

v.

JAMES A. KNOX

Submitted on Briefs May 23, 2023 Decided May 30, 2023

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, LAWRENCE, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

James A. Knox appeals from a judgment of conviction for operating under the influence (Class D) in violation of 29-A M.R.S. § 2411(1-A)(A) (2023) entered by the trial court (Washington County, *David Mitchell*, *J*.) after a bench trial. Knox contends that there was insufficient evidence to support the court's judgment. Contrary to Knox's contention, there was sufficient evidence in the record for the court to find beyond a reasonable doubt that Knox operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants. *See State v. Wilson*, 2015 ME 148, ¶ 13, 127 A.3d 1234 (reviewing the court's findings for clear error); *State v. Soucy*, 2012 ME 16, ¶ 11, 36 A.3d 910 ("If the State proves that, while operating a motor vehicle, a defendant's mental or physical faculties were impaired however slightly, or to any extent, by alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicants, a defendant is guilty of operating under the influence. It is no defense that the defendant is under the influence of prescription drugs, even if taken as prescribed." (citations omitted)). The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

James A. Knox, appellant pro se

With leave of the Court, the State of Maine did not file a brief.

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