

STATE OF MAINE

v.

CHARLES C. LAGASSE

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Decided January 4, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

On appeal, Charles Lagasse argues there was insufficient evidence to support the jury’s guilty verdict on any of the following eight counts in the indictment: (1) gross sexual assault; (2) unlawful sexual contact; (3) sexual misconduct with a child; (4) visual sexual aggression against a child; (5) unlawful sexual contact; (6) visual sexual aggression against a child; (7) assault; and (8) unlawful sexual contact.

When reviewing the sufficiency of the evidence, we examine “the record in the light most favorable to the jury’s verdict to determine whether the jury could have rationally found, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant committed each element of the offenses for which he was convicted.” *State v. Miller*, 2018 ME 112, ¶ 11, 191 A.3d 356. Further, “[a] victim’s testimony, by itself, is sufficient to support a guilty verdict for a sex crime . . . if the testimony addresses each element of the crime and is not inherently incredible.” *State v. Moores*, 2006 ME 139, ¶ 9, 910 A.2d 373. And “[t]he jury may draw all reasonable inferences from the evidence presented at trial.” *State v. Williams*, 2020 ME 17, ¶ 19, 225 A.3d 751. When applying this standard to the testimony

presented at trial, we conclude there is sufficient competent evidence in the record to establish each element of the charged crimes.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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