STATE OF MAINE

V.

WAYNE G. GUDREAU

Submitted on Briefs October 23, 2003 Decided December 10, 2003

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, ALEXANDER, CALKINS, and LEVY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Wayne G. Gudreau appeals from a judgment of conviction of driving to endanger (Class E), 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2413(1) (1996), entered after a jury trial in the Superior Court (Aroostook County, *Hunter*, *J.*). Contrary to Gudreau's contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion in admitting three prior theft convictions pursuant to M.R. Evid. 609, *State v. Gray*, 2000 ME 145, ¶ 24, 755 A.2d 540, 545 (affirming the admission of fourteen prior criminal convictions); *State v. Billadeau*, 597 A.2d 414, 416 (Me. 1991) (stating that the timing of a court's ruling on a motion in limine rests within the court's discretion and that a court may reserve ruling); *State v. Gervais*, 394 A.2d 1183, 1187 (Me. 1978)

(affirming admission of prior convictions when the record reflected that the court "carefully weighed the conflicting considerations"); and the evidence, when viewed in the light most favorable to the State, was sufficient for a fact-finder to rationally find each element of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt, *State v. Melanson*, 2002 ME 145, ¶ 9, 804 A.2d 394, 397.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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