

STATE OF MAINE

v.

PAUL R. GOSSELIN

Submitted on Briefs April 27, 2004
Decided May 12, 2004

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Paul R. Gosselin appeals from a judgment of conviction entered in the Superior Court (Knox County, *Warren, J.*) following a jury verdict finding him guilty of three counts of unlawful sexual conduct (Class C),¹ and two counts of gross sexual assault (Class A).² Contrary to Gosselin's contentions, the prosecutor did not commit misconduct during closing argument. *See State v. Ashley*, 666 A.2d 103, 105 (Me. 1995). Further, the court neither erred in determining that the

¹ 17-A M.R.S.A. § 255(1)(C) (1983). That statute has since been repealed and replaced by 17-A M.R.S.A. § 255-A(1)(E) (Supp. 2003).

² 17-A M.R.S.A. § 253(1)(B) (Supp. 2003). For all his crimes, Gosselin was sentenced to serve two ten-year prison terms, two five-year terms, and a three-year term all to run concurrently. All but three years and six months were suspended, and he will be on probation for ten years following his release.

victim, a six-year-old child, was competent to testify, *see State v. Hussey*, 521 A.2d 278, 280 (Me. 1987); M.R. Evid. 601, nor acted beyond its discretion in allowing the State to ask leading questions during direct examination of the child, *see State v. Chapman*, 645 A.2d 1, 2 (Me. 1994). Finally, the State presented sufficient evidence to sustain a guilty verdict. *See State v. Turner*, 2001 ME 44, ¶ 6, 766 A.2d 1025, 1027.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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