

STATE OF MAINE

v.

JOSEPH R. PARADIS SR.

Submitted on Briefs February 3, 2005  
Decided February 15, 2005

Panel: RUDMAN, DANA, ALEXANDER, CALKINS, and LEVY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Joseph R. Paradis Sr. appeals from judgments of conviction entered in the Superior Court (Penobscot County, *Warren, J.*) after a jury found him guilty of one count of gross sexual assault, 17-A M.R.S.A. § 253(1)(B) (Supp. 2004) (Class A), and one count of unlawful sexual contact, 17-A M.R.S.A. § 255-A(1)(E) (Supp. 2004) (Class C). Paradis argues that (1) the court committed reversible error in admitting evidence of a prior bad act to show that he acted in conformity therewith, and (2) the evidence was insufficient to support the conviction.

Contrary to Paradis's contentions, the disputed testimony was admissible to show the relationship between Paradis and his daughter that in turn sheds light on Paradis's motive and opportunity to commit the charged offenses. *State v. Poulos*, 1998 ME 43, ¶ 4, 707 A.2d 1307, 1308. Additionally, viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the State, the jury rationally could have found beyond a reasonable doubt every element of the offenses charged, *State v. Turner*, 2001 ME 44, ¶ 6, 766 A.2d 1025, 1027, including Paradis's identity, *State v. Jackson*, 1997 ME 174, ¶ 15, 697 A.2d 1328, 1332 (noting that "[t]he State may establish the identity of the accused through purely circumstantial evidence").

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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