

STATE OF MAINE

v.

CHRISTOPHER CATES

Submitted on Briefs May 17, 2005  
Decided May 24, 2005

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Christopher Cates appeals from a judgment of conviction entered in the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Studstrup, J.*) after a jury trial for unlawful sexual contact<sup>1</sup> (Class D) in violation of 17-A M.R.S.A. § 255(1)(A) (1983).<sup>2</sup> Contrary to Cates's contention, the court did not err in denying his post-judgment

---

<sup>1</sup> Cates was also convicted of Class C assault pursuant to 17-A M.R.S.A. § 207(1) (1983) (recodified at 17-A M.R.S.A. § 207(1) (Supp. 2004)), from which he does not appeal. He has a substantial record of similar criminal behavior and was sentenced to three years with all but one suspended and four years of probation for the assault conviction. Cates was sentenced to six months for the unlawful sexual contact conviction, to be served concurrently with the assault sentence.

<sup>2</sup> This statute has since been repealed and replaced by P.L. 2001, c. 383, §§ 22, 23 (effective January 31, 2003) (codified at 17-A M.R.S.A. § 255-A(1)(A) (Supp. 2004)).

motion for acquittal. *See State v. Stinson*, 2000 ME 87, ¶ 6, 751 A.2d 1011, 1013-14; *State v. Merrifield*, 478 A.2d 1131, 1132 (Me. 1984).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

---

**Attorneys for State:**

Evert N. Fowle, District Attorney  
Paul Rucha, Asst. Dist. Atty.  
95 State Street  
Augusta, ME 04330

**Attorney for defendant:**

Andrews B. Campbell, Esq.  
Campbell Law Offices, P.C.  
45 Kaler's Corner  
Waldoboro, ME 04572