

STATE OF MAINE

v.

JAMIE C. MADRUGA

Submitted on Briefs September 14, 2006
Decided September 21, 2006

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jamie C. Madruga appeals from a judgment of conviction for gross sexual assault (Class A), 17-A M.R.S. § 253(1)(B) (2005), entered after a jury trial in the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Mills, J.*). Contrary to Madruga's contentions, the court did not commit an obvious error by admitting in evidence his statements to the police, *see State v. Comer*, 644 A.2d 7, 9 (Me. 1994); M.R. Evid. 801(2); M.R. Evid. 401; and the prosecutor's comments in closing argument do not rise to the level of obvious error, *see State v. Clarke*, 1999 ME 141, ¶ 23, 738 A.2d 1233,

1237; *State v. Moontri*, 649 A.2d 315, 317 (Me. 1994); M. Bar R. 3.7(e)(2)(v).¹

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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¹ See generally Robert W. Clifford, *Identifying and Preventing Improper Prosecutorial Comment in Closing Argument*, 51 ME. L. REV. 241 (1999).