

MAUREEN (HAWKSLEY) LEACH

v.

RICHARD HAWKSLEY

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Decided January 3, 2006

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Richard Hawksley appeals the judgment of the Superior Court (Hancock County, *Hjelm, J.*) finding him liable for compensatory and punitive damages stemming from an incident of civil assault against Maureen Leach.<sup>1</sup> Contrary to his contention, the court did not err when it refused to admit, as irrelevant, his testimony that would have purported to explain why he pleaded guilty to criminal assault. *See* M.R. Evid. 401; *State v. Moon*, 2000 ME 142, ¶ 7, 755 A.2d 527, 529; *State v. Witham*, 1997 ME 77, ¶ 10, 692 A.2d 930, 934; *see also Glynn v. Atl. Seaboard Corp.*, 1999 ME 53, ¶ 16, 728 A.2d 117, 121. Moreover, Hawksley

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<sup>1</sup> The same incident also resulted in Hawksley's pleading guilty to criminal assault (Class D), 17-A M.R.S.A. § 207 (1983), in Ellsworth District Court in 2002.

testified fully to his version of the events that resulted in the criminal assault charge and this civil lawsuit.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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