

STATE OF MAINE

v.

GREGORY L. BICKFORD

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Decided December 18, 2008

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, ALEXANDER, LEVY, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Gregory L. Bickford appeals from a judgment of conviction entered in the Superior Court (Knox County, *Jabar, J.*) upon a jury verdict finding him guilty of aggravated assault (Class B), 17-A M.R.S. § 208(1)(A) (2007). Contrary to Bickford's contentions, the jury rationally could have found beyond a reasonable doubt every element of the offense. *See State v. Clark*, 2008 ME 136, ¶ 18, 954 A.2d 1066, 1072. Juries are permitted to draw any reasonable inferences that logically flow from the testimony or proved facts; to believe parts of witness testimony to the exclusion of other parts; and to selectively combine testimony in any way. *State v. Crossman*, 2002 ME 28, ¶ 10, 790 A.2d 603, 606. Because this case generated the issue of self-defense, the State had the additional burden of disproving that Bickford acted in self-defense. *See State v. Michaud*, 1998 ME 251, ¶ 16, 724 A.2d 1222, 1229-30. A person is justified in using a reasonable degree of nondeadly force on another person in order to defend himself from what he reasonably believes to be the imminent use of unlawful, nondeadly force by such other person. 17-A M.R.S. § 108(1) (2007). The evidence was sufficient to disprove every element of self-defense beyond a reasonable doubt. *See Clark*, 2008 ME 136, ¶ 18, 954 A.2d at 1072; *see also Michaud*, 1998 ME 251, ¶ 19, 724 A.2d at 1230.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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