

DEBRA UMLAUF

v.

KEVIN UMLAUF

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Decided July 23, 2009

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

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kevin Umlauf appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Waterville, *Dow, J.*) entering an order for protection from abuse against him in favor of Debra Umlauf. Contrary to Kevin's assertion, the evidence was sufficient to allow the trial court to find by a preponderance of the evidence that he abused Debra within the meaning of 19-A M.R.S. §§ 4002(1)(C), (1)(F)(2) (2008). 19-A M.R.S. § 4006(1) (2008); *see Cole v. Cole*, 2008 ME 4, ¶ 3, 940 A.2d 194, 195 (stating that this Court's review "is limited to a review of the record to determine whether competent evidence exists to support the trial court's factual conclusions." (quotation marks omitted)).

Kevin's argument that the trial court was unjustified in prohibiting him from possessing firearms for the duration of the order is unavailing for two reasons. First, given the other relief ordered by the court, such a prohibition resulted as a matter of federal law. 18 U.S.C.S. § 922(g)(8) (LexisNexis 2005); *see Ewing v. Me. Dist. Court*, 2009 ME 16, ¶¶ 5-6, 964 A.2d 644, 646. Furthermore, given this record the court did not abuse its broad discretion in prohibiting Kevin's possession of firearms as a matter of state law. *See Copp v. Liberty*, 2008 ME 97,

¶ 10, 952 A.2d 976, 979 (stating that “the relief afforded in a protection from abuse order is a matter within the court’s broad discretion”).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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