

STATE OF MAINE

v.

ANGELA H. COFFEY

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Decided January 20, 2009

Panel: CLIFFORD, ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Angela H. Coffey appeals from the judgment of the Superior Court (Cumberland County, *Cole, J.*) accepting her conditional guilty plea, M.R. Crim. P. 11(a)(2), and convicting her of operating under the influence (Class D), 29-A M.R.S. § 2411(1-A)(B)(1)) (2008) and operating in violation of license restriction (Class E), 29-A M.R.S. § 1251(1) (2008). On appeal, Coffey challenges the denial of her motion to suppress, asserting that an officer's perception that the brake lights of her vehicle were constantly illuminated provided an insufficient justification for a vehicle stop. Contrary to Coffey's contentions, the officer, upon perceiving a possible equipment problem with Coffey's vehicle, could reasonably stop the vehicle to inquire if there was a safety or equipment problem. *See State v. Hill*, 606 A.2d 793, 795 (Me. 1992) (stop of vehicle proper where officer believed vehicle had no rear license plate until approaching vehicle after stop).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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