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STATE OF MAINE

V.

KEVIN A. WHITE

Submitted on Briefs September 23, 2010 Decided September 28, 2010

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kevin A. White appeals from a judgment of the Superior Court (Sagadahoc County, Horton, J.) convicting him of reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon (Class C), 17-A M.R.S. §§ 211(1), 1252(4) (2009), and domestic violence assault (Class D), 17-A M.R.S. § 207-A(1)(A) (2009), based on a conditional guilty plea. Contrary to White's contentions, the court did not err as a matter of law in denying his motion to suppress because the police officers who entered his home had probable cause and the investigating officer formed a reasonable belief that exigent circumstances existed. See Brigham City v. Stuart, 547 U.S. 398, 403 (2006); State v. Bilynsky, 2007 ME 107, ¶¶ 17, 27, 932 A.2d 1169, 1173, 1175. The officer reasonably believed White might be in need of emergency medical care based on a report by the victim that several hours earlier White was in her home and while there drank a bottle of vodka, became highly emotional, injured himself in the hands and neck with a knife, and caused significant property damage in part by punching glass with his hands. The officer observed fairly extensive blood splattering in the victim's home, which the victim reported was entirely White's blood from his injuries.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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