

PAT DOE

v.

OMAR ALVAREZ-FLORES

Submitted on Briefs February 23, 2022
Decided March 17, 2022

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Omar Alvarez-Flores appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bridgton, *Churchill, J.*) finding that he abused Pat and Jane Doe and issuing a protection from abuse order against him for a period of two years. Alvarez-Flores contests only the court's finding of abuse as to Jane Doe.

Viewing the record and all reasonable inferences that may be drawn therefrom in the light most favorable to the outcome, *see Jacobs v. Jacobs*, 2007 ME 14, ¶¶ 5, 9, 915 A.2d 409, there is competent record evidence to support the conclusion that Alvarez-Flores's conduct placed Jane Doe, who yelled as she watched Alvarez-Flores brutally attack Pat Doe, in actual and reasonable fear of bodily injury, 19-A M.R.S. § 4002(1)(B) (2021).¹

Because a reasonable view of the evidence presented in Pat Doe's case-in-chief and the reasonable inferences that may be drawn from that

¹ The trial court was permitted to draw reasonable inferences based on circumstantial evidence that Jane Doe was put in fear. *See Smith v. Hawthorne*, 2002 ME 149, ¶ 17, 804 A.2d 1133; *see also Allen v. Rae*, 2019 ME 53, ¶ 7, 206 A.3d 902.

evidence support a finding of abuse, the court also did not err in denying Alvarez-Flores's motion for judgment as a matter of law. *See Cianchette v. Cianchette*, 2019 ME 87, ¶ 19, 209 A.3d 745; *see also St. Louis v. Wilkinson Law Off.*, 2012 ME 116, ¶ 14, 55 A.3d 443.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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Pat Doe did not file a brief

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