

PAT DOE¹

v.

FAHAD ABDULAZEEZ SAEED

Submitted on Briefs October 30, 2024
Decided November 7, 2024

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Fahad Abdulazeez Saeed appeals from an order of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, A.R.J.*) granting Pat Doe’s request for an order of protection from abuse. We conclude that there was sufficient evidence in the record to support the court’s findings by a preponderance of the evidence that Saeed abused Doe. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 4102(1) (2023);² *Doe v. Batie*, 2020 ME 124, ¶ 6, 240 A.3d 62; *Doe v. Lindahl*, 2023 ME 28, ¶ 9, 293 A.3d 439. In addition, the court did not abuse its discretion by excluding evidence Saeed offered at trial for lack of authentication. *See* M.R. Evid. 901(a); *Levesque v. Cent. Maine Med. Ctr.*, 2012 ME 109, ¶ 16, 52 A.3d 933. Finally, the court did not violate Saeed’s due process rights. *Doe v. Tierney*, 2018 ME 101, ¶ 17, 189 A.3d 756. Saeed

¹ Pursuant to federal law, we do not identify the plaintiff in this protection from abuse action and limit our description of events and locations to avoid revealing “the identity or location of the party protected under [a protection] order” as required by 18 U.S.C. § 2265(d)(3) (Westlaw through Pub. L. No. 118-106). *See Doe v. Tierney*, 2018 ME 101, n.1, 189 A.3d 756.

² Title 19-A M.R.S. § 4102(1) has since been amended, though the amendments do not affect the outcome in the present case. *See* P.L. 2023, ch. 519, §§ 4-5 (emergency, effective March 6, 2024) (codified at 19-A M.R.S. § 4102(1)(B), (E) (2024)).

received notice of the hearing and had an opportunity to be heard; the court's decision to exclude his evidence and its efforts to avoid a prolonged proceeding did not constitute a due process violation.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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