

STATE OF MAINE

v.

AKRAM A. ABDULLAHI

Submitted on Briefs November 25, 2024
Decided December 3, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Akram A. Abdullahi appeals from a judgment of conviction entered by the trial court (Cumberland County, *O'Neil, J.*) after a jury convicted him of refusing to submit to arrest, 17-A M.R.S. § 751-B(1)(B) (2024), and endangering the welfare of a child, 17-A M.R.S. § 554(1)(C) (2024). We conclude there was sufficient evidence to deny Abdullahi's motion for judgment of acquittal pursuant to M.R. Crim. P. 29(a). *See State v. Blier*, 371 A.2d 1091, 1092 (Me. 1977); *cf. State v. Watson*, 2000 ME 77, ¶ 10, 751 A.2d 1004. The court did not obviously err when it instructed the jury on the charge of refusing to submit to arrest or detention. *See State v. Coleman*, 2019 ME 170, ¶ 22, 221 A.3d 932; *State v. Hansley*, 2019 ME 35, ¶ 8, 203 A.3d 827. The court did not obviously err when it permitted the sergeant to testify about his understanding of the word "detained." *See State v. Lovejoy*, 2014 ME 48, ¶ 19, 89 A.3d 1066; M.R. Evid. 701.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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