

STATE OF MAINE

v.

BRADLEE G. BOYLES

Submitted on Briefs January 22, 2025  
Decided February 6, 2025

Panel: MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, LAWRENCE, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Bradlee G. Boyles appeals from a judgment by the trial court (Aroostook County, *Nelson, J.*) sentencing him to four years' incarceration, with all but eight months suspended, plus two years of probation and payment of \$11,373.19 in restitution. This sentence was the result of an open plea of no contest that Boyles entered pertaining to a reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon charge (Class C), 17-A M.R.S. § 211(1), 1604(5)(A) (2024). *See State v. Bean*, 2018 ME 58, ¶ 16, 184 A.3d 373. Boyles argues that the court erred in awarding restitution to the victim and that the four-year sentence is disproportionate and thus unconstitutional.

We conclude that the record supports the sentencing court's award of restitution based upon a sufficient causal nexus between the conduct underlying the reckless conduct conviction and the bodily injury the victim sustained when Boyles swerved the plow truck he was driving toward the victim, striking her and throwing her underneath it. The court therefore did not err in awarding restitution to the victim for the medical expenses she incurred due to injuries she sustained as a result of Boyles's conduct. *See* 17-A M.R.S. § 2002(6)(A), (7) (2024); *State v. McDonough*, 2009 ME 39, ¶ 5, 968 A.2d

549. We also conclude that the four-year sentence was both proportionate and constitutional in view of Boyles's use of a large, dangerous vehicle to strike the victim, who was a family member with an active protective order against Boyles when he caused her bodily injury through his reckless conduct.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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