

STATE OF MAINE

v.

JASON DaPRATO

Submitted on Briefs May 25, 2000  
Decided May 26, 2000

Panel: WATHEN, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, SAUFLEY,  
ALEXANDER, and CALKINS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jason DaPrato appeals from a judgment entered in the Superior Court (Kennebec County, *Studstrup, J.*) following a jury verdict of guilty on three counts of aggravated assault. *See* 17-A M.R.S.A. § 208(1)(B) (1983). Contrary to DaPrato's contention, the Superior Court did not err in its instruction to the jury on the issue of self-defense. When read in its entirety, the jury charge appropriately defined self-defense for the jurors and did not shift the burden of proof to the defendant. *See State v. Plante*, 623 A.2d 166, 167 (Me. 1993); *State v. Franzen*, 461 A.2d 1068, 1073 (Me. 1983). Furthermore, we conclude that this appeal was without merit.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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