

STATE OF MAINE

v.

STEPHEN GRACIE

Submitted on Briefs June 15, 2000  
Decided June 20, 2000

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Stephen Gracie appeals from the judgment entered in the Superior Court (Waldo County, *Marsano, J.*) following a jury verdict convicting him of two counts of arson in violation of 17-A M.R.S.A. § 802. On appeal, Gracie alleges that the evidence was insufficient to support the conviction solely because there were alternative explanations for all the circumstantial evidence linking him to the fire at his house. When reviewing the sufficiency of the evidence, we view the evidence in the light most favorable to the State. *See State v. Emerson*, 675 A.2d 978, 979 (Me. 1996). Contrary to Gracie's assertion, "[t]he jury's guilty verdict must be based not on a determination that there exists no alternative explanation, but that, after assessing the credibility of such explanations, they raise no reasonable doubts as to the defendant's guilt." *State v. Ardolino*, 1997 ME 141, ¶ 20, 697 A.2d 73, 80. Gracie has not met this standard.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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