

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SVETOSLAV J. SLAWOW,

No. 36695

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

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JANETTE M. BLOOM
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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction, pursuant to a jury verdict, of one count of second degree kidnapping, and one count of robbery. The district court sentenced appellant to a prison term of 24 to 60 months for kidnapping, and a concurrent prison term of 24 to 60 months for robbery.

Appellant contends that the evidence presented at trial was insufficient to support the jury's finding of guilt as to each count. Our review of the record on appeal, however, reveals sufficient evidence to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt as determined by a rational trier of fact.¹

In particular, we note that evidence was adduced at trial to show that appellant took the victim's purse from her person after verbally harassing the victim for a number of minutes and attempting to coerce the victim into going into appellant's apartment with him. After luring the victim out of a cab with the promise of the return of her purse, appellant grabbed the victim and dragged her to the threshold of his apartment before the victim was able to escape. Prior to her escape, appellant informed the victim that she was

¹See Wilkins v. State, 96 Nev. 367, 609 P.2d 309 (1980).

never getting her purse back, that he was going to sexually assault her, murder her, and dump her body in the desert.

The jury could reasonably infer from the evidence presented that appellant took the victim's purse and retained the purse through the use of force or the fear of force. The jury could also have reasonably inferred that appellant took the victim with the intent to detain the victim against her will. It is for the jury to determine the weight and credibility to give conflicting testimony, and the jury's verdict will not be disturbed on appeal where, as here, substantial evidence supports the verdict.²

Having concluded that appellant's contention lacks merit, we

ORDER the judgment of conviction AFFIRMED.

Young, J.
Young
Leavitt, J.
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Becker, J.
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cc: Hon. Mark W. Gibbons, District Judge
Attorney General
Clark County District Attorney
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Clark County Clerk

²See Bolden v. State, 97 Nev. 71, 624 P.2d 20 (1981).