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NO. 27206

IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

STATE OF HAWAI'I, Plaintiff-Appellee, v.
DOUGLAS KIMMERLE, Defendant-Appellant

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APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH CIRCUIT
(CR. NO. HC04-209)

SUMMARY DISPOSITION ORDER

(By: Burns, C.J., Lim and Nakamura, JJ.)

Douglas Kimmerle (Defendant) appeals the February 23, 2005 judgment of the District Court of the Fifth Circuit (district court)¹ that convicted him of harassment.

After a meticulous review of the record and the briefs submitted by the parties, and giving careful consideration to the arguments advanced and the issues raised by the parties, we resolve Defendant's points of error on appeal as follows:

1. The district court did not abuse its discretion in denying Defendant's written and oral motions to dismiss the charge as a *de minimis* infraction. State v. Fukagawa, 100 Hawai'i 498, 503, 60 P.3d 899, 904 (2002).
2. The district court failed to comply with the dictates of Tachibana v. State, 79 Hawai'i 226, 236, 900 P.2d 1293, 1303 (1995), and because the violation of Defendant's constitutional right to testify was not harmless beyond a reasonable doubt, id. at 240, 900 P.2d at 1307, this case must be

¹ The Honorable Frank D. Rothschild presided.

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remanded for a new trial. Cf. State v. Graybeard, 93 Hawai'i 513, 522, 6 P.3d 385, 394 (App. 2000).

3. In light of our disposition of this appeal, we need not reach the other points of error raised by Defendant.

Therefore,

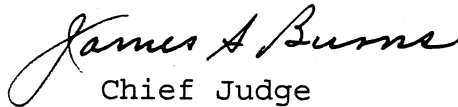
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the February 23, 2005 judgment of the district court is vacated and the cause remanded for a new trial.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 15, 2006.

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Chief Judge


Associate Judge


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