STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF APPEALS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED February 27, 2001

v

LAURELL D. KING,

No. 220098 Wayne Circuit Court

LC No. 98-012043

Defendant-Appellant.

Before: Meter, P.J., and Neff and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Defendant appeals as of right his bench trial conviction for assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct involving penetration, MCL 750.520(g)(1); MSA 28.788(7)(1), and entering a dwelling house without the owner's permission, MCL 750.115; MSA 28.310. We affirm.

On appeal, defendant argues that there was insufficient evidence to support his assault conviction. We disagree.

In determining whether sufficient evidence has been presented to sustain a conviction, a reviewing court must view the evidence in a light most favorable to the prosecution, and determine whether any rational finder of fact could have found that the essential elements of the crime were proven beyond a reasonable doubt. People v Wolfe, 440 Mich 508, 515; 489 NW2d 748 (1992).

The evidence was sufficient to support defendant's conviction. The elements of the crime are an assault and a specific intent to commit sexual penetration. People v Love, 91 Mich App 495; 283 NW2d 781 (1979). Complainant testified that defendant grabbed her around the neck, dragged her in the bedroom, and forced her to submit to sexual penetration. Based on her testimony, a rational finder of fact could conclude that the elements of the crime were proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Wolfe, supra.

Affirmed.

/s/ Patrick M. Meter

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell