

IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

NO. PD-0052-20

JUSTIN ALLEN LEE, Appellant

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

ON APPELLANT'S PETITION FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW FROM THE THIRD COURT OF APPEALS MILLS COUNTY

Per curiam.

OPINION

Appellant was convicted of two counts of Abandoning or Endangering a Child under Texas Penal Code § 22.041. On appeal, he challenged the sufficiency of the evidence. The Court of Appeals held that sufficient evidence supported Appellant's convictions for "endangering a child" pursuant to Penal Code § 22.041(c). *Lee v. State*, No.

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03-18-00571-CR, 2019 Tex. App. LEXIS 10810 (Tex. App.-Austin December 13, 2019) (not

designated for publication).

Appellant has filed a petition for discretionary review of this decision, arguing that

the Court of Appeals erred to evaluate whether the evidence was sufficient to prove child

endangerment when Appellant was convicted of child abandonment. We agree.

The indictment charged Appellant with second-degree child abandonment pursuant

to Texas Penal Code § 22.041, subsections (b) and (e). The Court of Appeals erroneously

assessed the evidence pursuant to § 22.041, subsection (c).

Accordingly, we grant Appellant's petition for discretionary review, vacate the

judgment of the Court of Appeals, and remand this case to the Court of Appeals for

proceedings consistent with this opinion.

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