Case Brief: State v. John Smith

Court: Illinois Appellate Court, First District

Case Number: 2024-CR-123456

Date: 03/15/2024

# Parties

Plaintiff: State of Illinois

Defendant: John Smith

# Facts

On the evening of January 5, 2024, John Smith was arrested for allegedly robbing a convenience store in downtown Chicago. The store clerk identified Smith as the perpetrator. Surveillance footage from the store shows a man matching Smith’s description committing the robbery.

# Issue

Whether the trial court erred in denying the defendant’s motion to suppress the identification testimony of the store clerk.

# Holding

The appellate court held that the trial court did not err in denying the motion to suppress. The identification procedure was not unduly suggestive, and the clerk’s testimony was reliable.

# Reasoning

The court reasoned that the identification procedure used by the police was appropriate. The clerk had a clear view of the perpetrator during the robbery, and his identification was made shortly after the incident, enhancing its reliability.

# Disposition

The appellate court affirmed the decision of the trial court.

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Judge Jane Doe, Illinois Appellate Court, First District