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**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

In re J.H., a Person Coming Under the Juvenile
Court Law.

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

J.H.,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Super. Ct. No. JJD076132)

OPINION

THE COURT*

APPEAL from orders of the Superior Court of Tulare County. Sylvia J. Hanna,
Judge.

Kristen Owen, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and
Appellant.

Office of the State Attorney General, Sacramento, California, for Plaintiff and
Respondent.

* Before Meehan, Acting P. J., DeSantos, J. and Guerra, J.†

† Judge of the Fresno Superior Court assigned by the Chief Justice pursuant to
article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution.

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The juvenile court sustained a wardship petition alleging minor, J.H. (minor) committed two counts of battery. Minor was placed on probation and released to the custody of his mother.

Minor's appointed counsel has filed a brief pursuant to *People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436, identifying no error and asking the juvenile court to determine whether there are any arguable issues on appeal. Minor was afforded an opportunity to submit a supplemental brief but did not do so. We have conducted an independent review of the record and find no arguable issue. Accordingly, we affirm.

PROCEDURAL SUMMARY

On May 2, 2025, the Tulare County District Attorney filed a wardship petition (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 602, subd. (a)), alleging minor committed two counts of misdemeanor battery (Pen. Code, § 242; counts 1, 2).¹

On July 3, 2025, the juvenile court held a contested jurisdictional hearing. Prior to beginning the hearing, the court raised concerns regarding the minor's mental competence. Minor's counsel opined that minor was not incompetent. Given counsel's representations, the court did not declare a doubt about minor's mental competence and proceeded with the hearing. The court found both counts true and ordered that minor remain detained pending disposition.

On July 17, 2025, the juvenile court held a disposition hearing. After reviewing probation's report and hearing from the parties, it adjudged minor a ward of the court, placed him on probation with numerous terms and conditions under the supervision of probation, and released him to the custody of his mother.

On July 17, 2025, minor timely filed a notice of appeal.

¹ On May 5, 2025, the petition was amended by interlineation to correct minor's date of birth and to identify the correct victim on count 2.

FACTUAL SUMMARY

The Prosecution's Case

On May 1, 2025, A.H., minor's older sister, headed to the bathroom. She had keys in her possession that unlocked every door in the house. Minor was not supposed to possess the keys because he would lock himself in rooms and there was no way to get him out.

Minor confronted A.H. about her possession of the keys. Minor grabbed the keys, which were in A.H.'s hand. This caused the keychain to tighten around her wrist, hurting her. Minor also dug his fingernails into her hands and arms. He would not let go of the keys, and he ended up pushing her towards the shower. She tried to push him away from her because she did not want to fall into the shower.

They both ended up pulling on the keys until the keychain snapped. Minor took the keys. At that point, I.H., minor's sister, came into the bathroom. Minor was hitting A.H. and trying to grab her. I.H. tried to get him off A.H. by pushing him and pulling his hair. He pushed and hit I.H. A.H. tried to get him off I.H., and he kept pushing A.H. away.

I.H. called the police. Before the police arrived, A.H. went outside. Minor followed A.H. and tried to push her out of the entryway. A.H. tried to push her way back inside, and during the altercation, the shoe rack was pushed back.

Defendant's Case

Minor testified on his own behalf. According to minor, on May 1, 2025, Ar.H., minor's sister, told him that she did not want her possessions stolen because A.H. and I.H. had stolen from her before. Minor subsequently took the house keys because he wanted to put Ar.H.'s luggage inside the garage. He was aware he was not supposed to possess the keys.

One of minor's younger siblings told A.H. and I.H. that minor had the keys. Minor had set the keys down, and A.H. found them. A.H. put the keys on the bathroom counter, and he grabbed them.

When A.H. saw that minor had the keys, she tried to take them from him by force. She tried to pull the keys away from him, but he did not let go. A.H. got mad and started pushing him towards the bathtub. I.H. then entered the bathroom, and she pushed him to the bathtub. During the altercation, I.H. grabbed his hair. Later, A.H. threw a shoe rack at him and hit him with a tennis racket.

DISCUSSION

As noted above, minor's counsel filed a *Wende* brief identifying no basis for relief and asking that we review the record to determine whether there are any arguable issues on appeal. Having carefully reviewed the entire record, we conclude that there is no arguable issue on appeal. (*People v. Wende, supra*, 25 Cal.3d at pp. 441–443.)

DISPOSITION

The jurisdiction and disposition orders are affirmed.