

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

---

2024 ND 87

---

State of North Dakota,

Plaintiff and Appellee

v.

Dekendrick Sajuan Williams,

Defendant and Appellant

---

No. 20230300

---

Appeal from the District Court of Williams County, Northwest Judicial District, the Honorable Charles B. Neff, Judge.

AFFIRMED.

Per Curiam.

Nathan K. Madden, Assistant State's Attorney, Williston, ND, for plaintiff and appellee.

Samuel A. Gereszek, Grand Forks, ND, for defendant and appellant.

**State v. Williams**  
**No. 20230300**

**Per Curiam.**

[¶1] Dekendrick Williams appeals from a criminal judgment entered after a jury found him guilty of attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder. He argues the district court committed obvious error by permitting the State to improperly impeach a witness using a criminal conviction and permitting the State to reference punishment on multiple occasions during the trial. Williams also argues the evidence is insufficient to sustain the guilty verdicts.

[¶2] We conclude the district court did not abuse its discretion regarding the evidence Williams contests on appeal. *See State v. Salou*, 2024 ND 6, ¶ 7, 1 N.W.3d 602 (stating evidentiary issues are reviewed for an abuse of discretion); *see also State v. Tolbert*, 2020 ND 198, ¶ 2, 948 N.W.2d 837 (summarily affirming when appellant argued it was obvious error to admit evidence but failed to establish an abuse of discretion). Based on our review of the record, the verdicts are supported by substantial evidence. We summarily affirm under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(3) and (4).

[¶3] Jon J. Jensen, C.J.  
Daniel J. Crothers  
Lisa Fair McEvers  
Jerod E. Tufte  
Douglas A. Bahr