

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT  
OPINION SUMMARY

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED100208
	)	
Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.	)	
	)	
RONALD DONNELL BURNS,	)	Hon. Thomas J. Frawley
	)	
Appellant.	)	FILED: August 26, 2014

Ronald D. Burns (“Defendant”) appeals from the judgment of the trial court that convicted him of the class C felony of stealing a credit card after a bench trial and sentenced him as a persistent offender to a term of ten years’ imprisonment. Defendant challenges the sufficiency of the evidence.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION ONE HOLDS: There was sufficient evidence to convict Defendant of stealing by appropriating a credit card where Defendant admitted that he took the victim’s wallet from her purse. It is common knowledge that people routinely carry credit cards and debit cards in wallets and purses, and it is a reasonable inference that a person stealing a wallet intends to steal the contents of that wallet.

Opinion by: Clifford H. Ahrens, Judge  
Glenn A. Norton, Judge, concur.

Lawrence E. Mooney, Presiding Judge and

Attorney for Appellant: Matthey Huckleby

Attorney for Respondent: Chris Koster

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