

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT**

COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE:

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Respondent,

v.

RAY A. SLAUGHTER,

Appellant.

DOCKET NUMBER WD69991

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DATE: April 27, 2010

Appeal From:

Circuit Court of Jackson County, MO
The Honorable Gene R. Martin, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division One: Lisa White Hardwick, P.J., James M. Smart, Jr., and Alok Ahuja, JJ.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY
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Before Division One Judges: Lisa White Hardwick, P.J., James M. Smart, Jr., and Alok Ahuja, JJ.

Ray Slaughter was convicted of one count of forcible rape and two counts of forcible sodomy. During his trial, the victim testified that she thought she saw a gun handle in the bedroom where she was attacked. Slaughter objected that the testimony was inadmissible evidence of other crimes or uncharged misconduct. The trial judge overruled the objection and allowed the testimony. Slaughter appeals.

AFFIRMED.

Division One holds:

Evidence that the victim saw what might have been a gun in the room where the defendant directed her to sleep and where she was raped was admissible to provide the jury with the entire context of the assault. This was true even though it was not clear that the gun belonged to the defendant. It was part of the victim's complete story and helped give the jury a clearer understanding of the whole criminal episode. The jury could have drawn different inferences from the evidence of the apparent gun, or could have ignored the gun altogether since it was arguably tangential.

Opinion by: James M. Smart, Jr., Judge

April 27, 2010

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