MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED108390
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Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.	)	
	)	Honorable Bryan L. Hettenbach
ANDREA SHAUNTE STRAUGHTER,	)	
	)	
Appellant.	)	FILED: April 27, 2021

Andrea Shaunte Straughter ("Straughter") appeals from the judgment following her jury-trial convictions on two counts each of assault in the first degree and armed criminal action. Straughter raises three points on appeal. The first two points allege the trial court abused its discretion in sustaining the State's objection to Straughter's questioning during voir dire regarding the Castle Doctrine and rejecting Straughter's proposed Castle-Doctrine jury instruction because Straughter was assaulted by the Victim through the open window of her car before Straughter shot Victim. Point Three contends the trial court plainly erred in overruling Straughter's objection to the State's inquiry into Straughter's social media video postings because the State failed to disclose the evidence before trial.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION THREE HOLDS: Because the record does not show Victim attempted to unlawfully enter Straughter's car, no substantial evidence supports the application of the Castle Doctrine. Thus, the trial court did not err in limiting voir dire and jury instructions to general self-defense, and we deny Points One and Two. Because Straughter did not show untimely disclosure by the State or that she would have handled the State's questioning differently, no manifest injustice arose from the social media video postings demonstrating plain error in Point Three. Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the trial court.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, Judge
Angela T. Quigless, P.J., and James M. Dowd, J., concur.

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