MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI, Respondent,
v.
JAQUEZ LATIN, Appellant.

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DATE: March 4, 2025

Appeal From:

The Circuit Court of Saline County, Missouri
The Honorable Dennis A. Rolf, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division Two: Janet Sutton, Presiding Judge, and Alok Ahuja and Mark D. Pfeiffer, Judges

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Before Division Two Judges: Janet Sutton, Presiding Judge, and Alok Ahuja and Mark D. Pfeiffer, Judges

Mr. Jaquez Latin ("Latin") appeals from the judgment entered by the Circuit Court of Saline County, Missouri ("trial court"), following a jury trial in which the jury found him guilty of unlawful possession of a firearm. On appeal, Latin raises a sufficiency-of-the-evidence challenge and also argues that the trial court abused its discretion in failing to declare a mistrial upon his request during the trial. We affirm.

AFFIRMED.

Division Two holds:

1. There was sufficient evidence from which a jury could conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that Latin had possession of the firearm located under his seat in the car.

2. The trial court did not abuse its discretion when it denied Latin's motion for mistrial after sustaining Latin's objection to the admission of testimony that the firearm was reported stolen and promptly instructing the jury to disregard that evidence.

Opinion by: Mark D. Pfeiffer, Judge March 4, 2025

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