OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED112071
	)	
Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of Ralls County
v.	)	Cause No. 22RL-CR00266
	)	
DOUGLAS BEESON,	)	Honorable David C. Mobley
	)	
Appellant.	)	Filed: March 4, 2025

Douglas Beeson ("Appellant") appeals from the judgment upon his conviction following a jury trial for assault in the fourth degree, possession of a controlled substance, leaving the scene of an accident, resisting arrest, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. On appeal, Appellant argues the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress the contraband found in the vehicle he was driving and in admitting that evidence at trial.

AFFIRMED.

Division One Holds:

Appellant failed to demonstrate plain error from the trial court's denial of his motion to suppress the contraband found in the vehicle he was driving and admission of the evidence at trial. The automobile exception to the warrant requirement applied to the deputy's warrantless search of the vehicle because there was probable cause to believe the vehicle contained contraband, weapons or evidence of a crime, regardless whether the vehicle was immobile at the time of the search.

Opinion by: Cristian M. Stevens, J.,
James M. Dowd, P.J., and Angela T. Quigless, J., concur.

Attorney for Appellant: Justine Finney, Assistant Public Defender
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