

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	ED100723
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Respondent,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of Lewis County
v.)	12AR-CR00636-02
)	
JAMES E. STEELE, JR.,)	Honorable Karl A. DeMarce
)	
Appellant.)	Filed: February 10, 2015

James E. Steele, Jr. (Defendant) appeals the judgment entered upon his conviction after a jury found him guilty of driving while intoxicated (DWI). Defendant argues that the trial court erred in admitting statements he made during his initial traffic stop as evidence. Defendant contends that the officer obtained his statements in violation of his constitutional rights because the officer had not yet advised Defendant of his rights under Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966).

AFFIRMED.

Division Three Holds: The officer lawfully conducted a traffic stop and briefly detained Defendant regarding his reasonable suspicion that Defendant had committed DWI. He asked limited questions related to that suspicion, and once his suspicion was confirmed, he formally arrested Defendant and advised Defendant of his Miranda rights. Until that point, no Miranda warnings were required, and the trial court did not err in admitting Defendant's statements made during that time period.

Opinion by: Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J.
Kurt S. Odenwald, P.J., and Robert G. Dowd, Jr., J., concur.

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