

## OPINION SUMMARY

### MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI, Respondent,                    )    No. ED99712  
  )    Appeal from the Circuit Court of  
vs.    )    the City of St. Louis  
  )    Honorable David C. Mason  
LEONARD M. SLOCUM, Appellant.                 )    Filed: February 18, 2014

Leonard Slocum (Defendant) appeals the judgment of conviction the trial court entered after finding Defendant guilty of felony receiving stolen property in excess of \$500. Defendant claims the trial court erred in overruling his motion for judgment of acquittal and convicting him of felony receiving stolen property because the State presented insufficient evidence to establish beyond a reasonable doubt the value of the stolen mandolin.

AFFIRMED.

Division Four Holds: The State presented sufficient evidence to establish that the value of the mandolin was \$500 or more. At the bench trial, the owner estimated that the mandolin was worth approximately \$6,000. An owner's opinion may constitute sufficient evidence of an item's worth, and we defer to the trial court's superior position to assess the probative value and competence of such evidence. See Reilly, 674 S.W.2d 530, 533 (Mo. banc 1984); State v. King, 988 S.W.2d 663, 666 (Mo.App.E.D. 1999).

Opinion by: Patricia L. Cohen, J.  
Lisa S. Van Amburg, P.J., and Philip M. Hess, J., concur.

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