

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**v.**

**LAWRENCE R. BAYLESS**

**RESPONDENT,**

**APPELLANT.**

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DOCKET NUMBER WD73342  
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DATE: June 29, 2012

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Appeal From:

Clinton County Circuit Court  
The Honorable James Paul Valbracht, Judge

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Appellate Judges:

Division Three: James M. Smart, Jr., P.J., Victor C. Howard and Thomas H. Newton, JJ.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY**

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Before Division Three: James M. Smart, Jr., P.J., Victor C. Howard and Thomas H. Newton, JJ.

Lawrence Bayless was convicted on one count of receiving stolen property following a jury trial. On appeal, Bayless argued that the State failed to prove that he knew or believed that the property (a Kubota utility vehicle) was stolen, or that he acted together with or aided another person in committing the offense of receiving stolen property.

**AFFIRMED.**

**Division Three holds:** The trial court did not err in overruling Bayless's motion for judgment of acquittal, in accepting the guilty verdict, or in sentencing Bayless for receiving stolen property because: (1) there was sufficient circumstantial evidence from which the jury could find beyond a reasonable doubt that Bayless knew or had reason to believe that the Kubota utility vehicle was stolen property; and (2) there was sufficient evidence from which the jury could find beyond a reasonable doubt that Bayless was acting together with or aiding another person in committing the offense of receiving stolen property.

Opinion by James M. Smart, Jr., Judge

June 29, 2012

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