

IOWA COURT OF APPEALS

State of Iowa v. Todd Wayne Moore

No. 24-1940 (Iowa Ct. App. Apr. 15, 2026) · No. No. 24-1940 · Decided April 15, 2026

SUMMARY

The Iowa Court of Appeals affirmed Todd Wayne Moore’s conviction for domestic abuse assault with a dangerous weapon. The court held that substantial evidence supported the jury’s verdict and declined to reweigh witness credibility or resolve conflicts in the evidence.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | Iowa Court of Appeals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Bower, Senior Judge; Greer, P.J.; Sandy, J.; Bower, S.J.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| JURISDICTION          | Iowa Court of Appeals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DECIDED               | April 15, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| DOCKET                | No. 24-1940                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DISPOSITION           | affirmed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Moore appealed his jury conviction for domestic abuse assault with a dangerous weapon, challenging the sufficiency of the evidence.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | Sufficiency-of-the-evidence claims are reviewed for correction of errors at law. The appellate court views the evidence in the light most favorable to the State and will affirm if substantial evidence supports the verdict, including reasonable inferences and presumptions deduced from the record. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Published Iowa Court of Appeals opinion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| PARTIES               | Todd Wayne Moore v. State of Iowa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

TOPICS

- criminal procedure
- evidence
- appellate procedure
- standard of review
- burden of proof

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal law
- criminal procedure
- appellate practice
- evidence

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether substantial evidence supported Moore's conviction for domestic abuse assault with a dangerous weapon.
2. Whether the appellate court should reweigh conflicting testimony and reassess the credibility of the eyewitnesses and alleged victim in reviewing the sufficiency of the evidence.

## HOLDINGS

1. Substantial evidence supported the jury's finding that Moore committed domestic abuse assault with a dangerous weapon, and the conviction was affirmed.
2. The appellate court may not reweigh evidence, resolve conflicts in testimony, or second-guess the jury's credibility determinations when reviewing the sufficiency of the evidence.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*““In reviewing the sufficiency of the evidence, we are highly deferential to the jury’s verdict,” and we are bound by it “if it is supported by substantial evidence.”” (at 2)*

*““The jury is the sole arbiter of witness credibility,” not us.” (at 3)*

*““In considering a challenge to the sufficiency of the evidence, it is not the province of the court to resolve conflicts in the evidence, to pass upon the credibility of witnesses, to determine the plausibility of explanations, or to weigh the evidence; such matters are for the jury.”” (at 3)*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

On March 13, 2024, Destanne Campbell saw a woman, later identified as N.C., in a ditch waving and screaming for help while Moore chased her. Campbell returned with her mother, Leslie, and the two saw a Jeep swerve at N.C. and nearly hit her. N.C. appeared scared, shaking, and crying, identified Moore as the person who chased her and swerved at her, and provided an initial statement to police, but at trial she denied Moore's involvement and claimed police questioning led her to make the earlier statements.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Following a brief jury trial in the Iowa District Court for Tama County, Moore was found guilty of domestic abuse assault with a dangerous weapon. He appealed, arguing that the eyewitnesses lacked credibility and that the alleged victim's trial testimony supported his general denial. The Iowa Court of Appeals affirmed.

## DISPOSITION

affirmed

## CASES CITED

- State v. Mathis, 971 N.W.2d 514, 516 (Iowa 2022)
- State v. Mathis, 971 N.W.2d 514, 516-17 (Iowa 2022)
- State v. Mathis, 971 N.W.2d 514, 517 (Iowa 2022)

- State v. Mathis, 971 N.W.2d 514, 519 (Iowa 2022)
- State v. Lindaman, 30 N.W.3d 547, 555 (Iowa 2025)
- State v. Musser, 721 N.W.2d 758, 761 (Iowa 2006)

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