

SUPREME COURT OF CONNECTICUT

State v. Davis

263 Conn. 136 (2003) · Decided April 15, 2003

SUMMARY

The Connecticut Supreme Court affirmed the Appellate Court’s conclusion that General Statutes § 53-202k requires a separate five-year firearm sentence enhancement for each qualifying felony conviction, even when the offenses arise from the same incident. The court adopted the Appellate Court’s reasoning without further discussion and affirmed the judgment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Connecticut
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam
JURISDICTION	Connecticut
DECIDED	April 15, 2003
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Following the grant of certification, the defendant appealed from the Appellate Court's affirmance of his convictions and sentence, challenging the imposition of three separate five-year firearm sentence enhancements under General Statutes § 53-202k.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review of the statutory interpretation issue presented on certified appeal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Connecticut Supreme Court opinion; precedential.
PARTIES	Samuel Davis v. State of Connecticut

TOPICS

- statutory interpretation
- sentencing
- criminal procedure
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- appellate jurisdiction

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal law
- statutory interpretation
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether General Statutes § 53-202k requires a separate five-year sentence enhancement for each qualifying felony when multiple qualifying felonies arise from the same incident.

HOLDINGS

1. General Statutes § 53-202k provides for a separate five-year sentence enhancement for each qualifying felony of which a defendant is convicted, even when the qualifying felonies arise from the same incident.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“We conclude that § 53-202k does provide for the enhancement of the sentence for each qualifying offense of which a defendant is convicted.” (138)

“The thoughtful and comprehensive opinion of the Appellate Court properly resolved the issue in this certified appeal. A further discussion by this court would serve no useful purpose.” (140)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Davis and two other men planned to rob a drug dealer and retrieved a firearm. After failing to locate a drug dealer, Davis and another man approached James Boland, who was armed, and a gunfight followed in which both Boland and Davis were wounded; Boland later died. Davis was convicted of felony murder, attempted first-degree robbery, conspiracy to commit first-degree robbery, and carrying a pistol or revolver without a permit.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The trial court convicted Davis of felony murder, attempted first-degree robbery, conspiracy to commit first-degree robbery, and carrying a pistol or revolver without a permit, and imposed three separate sentence enhancements under § 53-202k. The Appellate Court affirmed. The Supreme Court of Connecticut granted certification limited to whether the sentence was properly enhanced for each qualifying felony and affirmed the Appellate Court.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- State v. Davis, 69 Conn. App. 717, 719-20, 796 A.2d 596 (2002)
- State v. Davis, 261 Conn. 904, 802 A.2d 854 (2002)
- Kitmirides v. Middlesex Mutual Assurance Co., 260 Conn. 336, 338-39, 796 A.2d 1185 (2002)
- State v. Butler, 255 Conn. 828, 830, 769 A.2d 697 (2001)
- Wood v. Amer, 253 Conn. 514, 515-16, 755 A.2d 175 (2000)
- Biller Associates v. Route 156 Realty Co., 252 Conn. 400, 404, 746 A.2d 785 (2000)

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