

COURT OF APPEALS OF ARKANSAS

Jasmine Leigh Chambers v. State of Arkansas

Chambers, 2026 Ark. App. 69 (Ark. Ct. App. 2026) · No. CR-25-60 · Decided February 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The Arkansas Court of Appeals affirmed Jasmine Leigh Chambers’s conviction for possession of more than two grams of methamphetamine with the purpose to deliver. The court held that, because the conviction was based on accomplice liability, Chambers’s challenge concerning actual or constructive possession did not address the theory supporting the verdict. Her failure to develop an argument contesting accomplice liability precluded appellate review.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Arkansas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Wendy Scholtens Wood; Hixson; Brown
JURISDICTION	Arkansas Court of Appeals
DECIDED	February 4, 2026
DOCKET	CR-25-60
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Chambers appealed a Drew County Circuit Court sentencing order convicting her, as an accomplice, of possession of more than two grams of methamphetamine with purpose to deliver and sentencing her to fifteen years' imprisonment.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court views the evidence in the light most favorable to the State, considers only evidence supporting the verdict, and affirms if substantial evidence supports the conviction. Substantial evidence is evidence of sufficient force and character to compel a conclusion with reasonable certainty without speculation or conjecture. Witness credibility and conflicts in testimony are matters for the fact-finder.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Arkansas Court of Appeals opinion
PARTIES	Jasmine Leigh Chambers v. State of Arkansas

TOPICS

- criminal procedure
- standard of review
- appellate procedure
- preservation of error
- sentencing

PRACTICE AREAS

Criminal law

Criminal procedure

Appellate procedure

Controlled-substances offenses

Accomplice liability

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether substantial evidence supported Chambers's conviction for possession of more than two grams of methamphetamine with purpose to deliver when the conviction was based on accomplice liability.
2. Whether the conviction could be sustained without proof that Chambers actually or constructively possessed the methamphetamine found on McWilliams and in the vehicle.

HOLDINGS

1. A contraband-possession conviction premised on accomplice liability can stand without proof of constructive possession by the defendant.
2. The conviction was affirmed because Chambers did not present an appellate argument controverting the accomplice liability found by the jury.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Contraband-possession convictions premised on accomplice liability can stand without proof of constructive possession.” (at 5)

“We will not research or develop arguments for a party, and a party’s failure to develop his or her own arguments precludes review of the issue on appeal.” (at 5)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Police arrested Jonathan McWilliams on outstanding warrants and found methamphetamine, other controlled substances, and drug paraphernalia on him and in the vehicle owned by Chambers. Officers also found methamphetamine in a contact-lens case in Chambers's purse, and testing established that the methamphetamine found in the vehicle and on McWilliams totaled more than two grams. An officer testified that the quantity and packaging of the drugs were consistent with distribution. Chambers denied knowing about the drugs and was convicted as McWilliams's accomplice of possessing methamphetamine with purpose to deliver.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A jury found Chambers guilty as an accomplice and recommended a fifteen-year sentence. The Drew County Circuit Court entered a sentencing order consistent with the verdict and recommendation. Chambers appealed, challenging the sufficiency of the evidence, and the Arkansas Court of Appeals affirmed.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Collins v. State, 2021 Ark. 35, at 4, 617 S.W.3d 701, 704
- Price v. State, 2019 Ark. 323, at 4, 588 S.W.3d 1, 4
- McKisick v. State, 2022 Ark. App. 426, at 4, 653 S.W.3d 839, 843
- Winters v. State, 2013 Ark. 193, at 12, 427 S.W.3d 597, 605
- B.T. v. State, 2019 Ark. App. 471, at 12, 588 S.W.3d 387, 394-95
- Lueken v. State, 88 Ark. App. 323, 331, 198 S.W.3d 547, 553 (2004)
- Criswell v. State, 2026 Ark. App. 6, at 5
- Smith v. Heather Manor Care Ctr., Inc., 2012 Ark. App. 584, at 7, 424 S.W.3d 368, 375

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