

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, FOURTH DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO

Juan Carlos Alegria v. the State of Texas

No. 04-24-00596-CR (Tex. App.—San Antonio Jan. 21, 2026) (mem. op.) · No. 04-24-00596-CR · Decided January 21, 2026

SUMMARY

The Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas affirmed Juan Carlos Alegria’s conviction for indecency with a child by contact. The court held that the evidence, including the complainant’s testimony, was legally sufficient to support the conviction despite conflicting testimony regarding Alegria’s opportunity to commit the offense.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District, San Antonio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Adrian A. Spears II; Rebeca C. Martinez, Chief Justice; Adrian A. Spears II, Justice; H. Todd McCray, Justice
JURISDICTION	Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio, Texas
DECIDED	January 21, 2026
DOCKET	04-24-00596-CR
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Alegria appealed his jury conviction for indecency with a child by contact, arguing that the evidence was legally insufficient to support the conviction.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court viewed all the evidence in the light most favorable to the verdict and determined whether any rational trier of fact could have found the essential elements of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt. The court deferred to the jury's credibility determinations and resolution of conflicting inferences, while requiring that reasonable inferences be supported by the evidence rather than speculation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential memorandum opinion; marked DO NOT PUBLISH.
PARTIES	Juan Carlos Alegria v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the evidence was legally sufficient to support Alegria's conviction for indecency with a child by contact.

HOLDINGS

1. The evidence was legally sufficient to support Alegria's conviction for indecency with a child by contact.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"To determine whether evidence is sufficient to support a conviction, a reviewing court views all the evidence in the light most favorable to the verdict to decide whether any rational trier of fact could have found the essential elements of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt." (at 2)

"The jury is the sole judge of credibility and weight to be attached to the testimony of witnesses, and juries may draw multiple reasonable inferences from the facts so long as each is supported by the evidence presented at trial." (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The complainant, N.M., testified that Alegria sexually abused her on multiple occasions beginning when she was nine years old. She testified that during a 2019 pool-party incident, Alegria waited for her in a bedroom, directed her onto a bed, and touched her vagina over her underwear with enough pressure to push his finger between her vaginal lips and cause pain. Alegria's wife testified that Alegria was outside cooking most of the time and did not leave the cooking station for more than fifteen minutes, but the jury was entitled to credit N.M.'s testimony and disbelieve or discount the wife's testimony.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Alegria was indicted for continuous sexual abuse of a child younger than fourteen. He pleaded not guilty and was tried before a jury, which convicted him of the lesser-included offense of indecency with a child by contact. The trial court sentenced him to fifteen years in prison, and the court of appeals affirmed.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Jackson v. Virginia, 443 U.S. 307, 319 (1979)
- Brooks v. State, 323 S.W.3d 893, 895 (Tex. Crim. App. 2010)
- Tate v. State, 500 S.W.3d 410, 413 (Tex. Crim. App. 2016)
- Clayton v. State, 235 S.W.3d 772, 778 (Tex. Crim. App. 2007)

- Hooper v. State, 214 S.W.3d 9, 16-17 (Tex. Crim. App. 2007)
- Garcia v. State, 367 S.W.3d 683, 686-87 (Tex. Crim. App. 2012)
- Chambers v. State, 805 S.W.2d 459, 461 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991)

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