IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 1-966 / 01-0634
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STATE OF IOWA,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

vs.

LEWIS LEE BOLDON, JR.,
Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Black Hawk County, George L. Stigler, Judge.

Lewis Boldon appeals his conviction for assault domestic abuse causing bodily injury enhanced. **AFFIRMED.**

Linda Del Gallo, State Appellate Defender, and James Tomka, Assistant Appellate Defender, for appellant.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, and Denise Timmins, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee.

Considered by Sackett, C.J., and Mahan and Hecht, JJ.

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MAHAN, J.

Lewis Boldon appeals his conviction for assault domestic abuse causing bodily injury enhanced in violation of Iowa Code section 708.2A(4) (1999). He alleges the evidence was insufficient to support his conviction. We affirm.

Boldon was charged with assaulting and causing bodily injury to his wife, Linda, on April 11, 2000. The enhancement was based upon three prior convictions in 1994, 1996, and 1997. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on February 1, 2001. Boldon then stipulated to prior convictions for assault domestic abuse.

Police officers were dispatched to investigate a 911 hang-up on April 11, 2000. Upon their arrival, the officers were met at the door to the residence by Linda Boldon who was "crying and very upset." She informed one of the officers that Boldon had punched her in the mouth, bit her on the arm, pulled her hair, and choked her. The officers observed a bloody lip, a bite mark on her arm, messed hair, and a torn shirt. Inside the residence they observed a broken mirror and a large clump of hair lying on the floor.

We review a claim of insufficient evidence for correction of errors at law. *State v. Thomas*, 561 N.W.2d 37, 39 (Iowa 1997). A finding of guilt is binding upon us if supported by substantial evidence. Iowa R. App. P. 14(f)(1). Substantial evidence is such evidence as could convince a rational trier of fact the defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. *Thomas*, 561 N.W.2d 39. We conclude there was sufficient evidence to support the verdict against Boldon. Accordingly, we affirm.

AFFIRMED.

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