

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

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Argued - September 18, 2009

WILLIAM F. MASTRO, J.P.
RUTH C. BALKIN
THOMAS A. DICKERSON
PLUMMER E. LOTT, JJ.

2007-03324

DECISION & ORDER

The People, etc., respondent,
v Anthony Samedi, appellant.

(Ind. No. 3108/04)

Lynn W. L. Fahey, New York, N.Y. (William Kastin of counsel), for appellant.

Richard A. Brown, District Attorney, Kew Gardens, N.Y. (John M. Castellano and Sharon Y. Brodt of counsel; Lorrie A. Zinno on the brief), for respondent.

Appeal by the defendant from a judgment of the Supreme Court, Queens County (Braun, J.), entered March 26, 2007, convicting him of assault in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, after a nonjury trial, and imposing sentence.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.

The defendant's contention that the evidence was legally insufficient to support his conviction is unpreserved for appellate review (*see* CPL 470.05[2]; *People v Hawkins*, 11 NY3d 484, 492). In any event, viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution (*see People v Contes*, 60 NY2d 620), we find that it was legally sufficient to establish the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt (*see People v Martinez*, 289 AD2d 259; *People v Torres*, 150 AD2d 816).

In fulfilling our responsibility to conduct an independent review of the weight of the evidence (*see* CPL 470.15[5]; *People v Danielson*, 9 NY3d 342), we nevertheless accord great deference to the trier of fact's opportunity to view the witnesses, hear the testimony, and observe demeanor (*see People v Mateo*, 2 NY3d 383, 410, *cert denied* 542 US 946; *People v Bleakley*, 69

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NY2d 490, 495). Upon reviewing the record here, we are satisfied that the verdict of guilt was not against the weight of the evidence (*see People v Romero*, 7 NY3d 633; *People v Lawson*, 191 AD2d 514, 515).

MASTRO, J.P., BALKIN, DICKERSON and LOTT, JJ., concur.

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James Edward Pelzer
Clerk of the Court