

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

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Submitted - May 13, 2011

JOSEPH COVELLO, J.P.  
RANDALL T. ENG  
JOHN M. LEVENTHAL  
JEFFREY A. COHEN, JJ.

2010-09538

DECISION & ORDER

In the Matter of Cheryl DosReis, appellant, v  
Lawrence Rousseau, respondent.

(Docket No. O-26589-09)

Helene Bernstein, Brooklyn, N.Y., for appellant.

Pablo E. Bustos, New York, N.Y., for respondent.

In a family offense proceeding pursuant to Family Court Act article 8, the maternal grandmother, Cheryl DosReis appeals from an order of the Family Court, Kings County (Kennedy, J.), dated August 24, 2010, as, after a hearing, dismissed her petition.

ORDERED that the order is affirmed, without costs or disbursements.

“The determination of whether a family offense was committed is a factual issue to be resolved by the Family Court, and that court’s determination regarding the credibility of witnesses is entitled to great weight on appeal and will not be disturbed if supported by the record” (*Matter of Richardson v Richardson*, 80 AD3d 32, 43-44; *see Matter of Luke v Luke*, 72 AD3d 689). Here, the Family Court was presented with sharply conflicting testimony as to whether the father menaced and recklessly endangered Cheryl DosReis (hereinafter the grandmother). The Family Court’s determination that the grandmother failed to establish that a family offense was committed was based upon its assessment of the credibility of the parties and of several eyewitnesses, and is supported by the record (*see Matter of Richardson v Richardson*, 80 AD3d at 44; *Matter of Luke v Luke*, 72 AD3d

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at 689; *Matter of Campbell v Desir*, 251 AD2d 402, 403). Accordingly, we decline to disturb the Family Court's determination.

COVELLO, J.P., ENG, LEVENTHAL and COHEN, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

  
Matthew G. Kiernan  
Clerk of the Court