

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

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Argued - May 14, 2018

RUTH C. BALKIN, J.P.  
LEONARD B. AUSTIN  
HECTOR D. LASALLE  
FRANCESCA E. CONNOLLY, JJ.

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2013-09989

DECISION & ORDER

The People, etc., respondent,  
v Christopher Ransom, appellant.

(Ind. No. 3234/13)

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Paul Skip Laisure, New York, NY (Laura B. Indelicati of counsel), for appellant.

Eric Gonzalez, District Attorney, Brooklyn, NY (Leonard Joblove, Thomas M. Ross, and Arieh Schulman of counsel), for respondent.

Appeal by the defendant from a judgment of the Supreme Court, Kings County (Gene Lopez, J.), rendered October 17, 2013, convicting him of criminal impersonation in the second degree, upon a jury verdict, and imposing sentence.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.


The defendant failed to preserve for appellate review his contention that the evidence was legally insufficient to support his conviction of criminal impersonation in the second degree (*see People v Hawkins*, 11 NY3d 484, 492; *People v Finger*, 95 NY2d 894, 895). In any event, viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution (*see People v Contes*, 60 NY2d 620, 621), we find that the evidence was legally sufficient to establish the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt (*see Penal Law § 190.25[2]*; *People v Golb*, 23 NY3d 455, 465). Moreover, 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 jury's opportunity to view the witnesses, hear the testimony, and observe demeanor (*see People v Mateo*, 2 NY3d 383, 410; *People v Bleakley*, 69 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,

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643-644; *People v Golb*, 23 NY3d at 465; *People v Hooks*, 71 AD3d 1184; *People v Mitchell*, 254 AD2d 830).

BALKIN, J.P., AUSTIN, LASALLE and CONNOLLY, JJ., concur.

ENTER:   
Aprilanne Agostino  
Clerk of the Court