

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
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No. 56,750-KW

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

JENNIFER M. NAVARRO

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On application of Jennifer M. Navarro for SUPERVISORY WRIT in No. 2024-KS-11544 on the docket of the Shreveport City Court, Parish of CADDO (SHREVEPORT CITY COURT), Judge Sheva Meshawn Sims.

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State of Louisiana

Before STONE, COX, and ROBINSON, JJ.

WRIT GRANTED; AFFIRMED.

Jennifer M. Navarro seeks supervisory review of her misdemeanor conviction for domestic abuse battery in violation of La. R.S. 14:35.3. Ms. Navarro raises one assignment of error. She argues that there was insufficient evidence for the trial court to find that she intended to use force or violence during the interaction that she and Mr. Strickland shared on November 13, 2024.

Domestic abuse battery is the intentional use of force or violence committed by one household member or family member upon the person of another household member or family member. La. R.S. 14:35.3(A).

At trial, Mr. Strickland and Ms. Navarro testified that they were in a romantic relationship and had been living together on and before November 13, 2024. Ms. Navarro testified that on November 13, 2024, she was upset with the way that Mr. Strickland was speaking to her about resting in bed at around 9:30 a.m. as opposed to cleaning the house. She testified that she expressed concern that she was suffering a miscarriage, and that Mr. Strickland repeatedly called her a derogatory term. Ms. Navarro testified that Mr. Strickland was standing between her and an outlet into which a cellphone charging cord was plugged. She testified that she pulled the cord from the outlet with enough force that it bounced off her

face and then accidentally hit Mr. Strickland's face. Ms. Navarro admitted that Mr. Strickland ran from the room with his hand over his nose after the cord hit him. She testified that she did not intend to use force or violence nor for the cord to hit Mr. Strickland.

Mr. Strickland confirmed that on November 13, 2024, he questioned Ms. Navarro as to why she was still in bed at 9:30 a.m. as opposed to cleaning the house. He also testified that he called Ms. Navarro playful names during this exchange, and that Ms. Navarro threatened to break his nose. According to Mr. Strickland, Ms. Navarro pulled the cord from the wall with enough force to swing it behind her head and strike herself in the face, and then she swung the cord back around her head towards his face striking his nose and drawing blood.

The trial court accepted the testimony of the victim in this matter, which if believed is sufficient to prove the offense. The trial court is afforded much discretion in making credibility determinations and it is not the province of the reviewing court to assess the credibility of witnesses or reweigh evidence. Thus, when viewed in the light most favorable to the state, we conclude that the evidence presented was sufficient to support the conviction. *Jackson v. Virginia*, 443 U.S. 307, 319, 99 S. Ct. 2781, 2789, 61 L. Ed. 2d 560 (1979).

Accordingly, the writ is granted and Jennifer M. Navarro's conviction and sentence are affirmed.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 2 day of December, 2025.

DR SDS JSC

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