

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

LEIGHTON WHITE,

Defendant-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

May 8, 1998

No. 199260

Recorder's Court

LC No. 96-000791

Before: Neff, P.J, and White and D. A. Teeple,* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Defendant appeals by right his conviction for possession with intent to deliver less than fifty grams of cocaine, MCL 333.7401(2)(a)(4); MSA 14.15(7401)(2)(a)(4), entered after a bench trial. We affirm.

On appeal, defendant asserts that the trial court clearly erred in finding that the arresting officers were credible, and in rejecting defendant's testimony that he did not possess the cocaine found on the premises. We disagree. Credibility is for the finder of fact to determine. Circumstantial evidence and reasonable inferences arising from the evidence are sufficient to establish the elements of a drug possession charge. *People v Sammons*, 191 Mich App 351, 371; 478 NW2d 901 (1991). The trial court did not clearly err in relying on external indicia of reliability in determining the credibility of the police officers. The court noted that the officers did not embellish their testimony to make a tighter case against defendant, and they did not arrest the other persons present on the possession with intent to deliver charge. Where the testimony of the officers established defendant's guilt, there was sufficient evidence to support defendant's conviction. *People v Wardlaw*, 190 Mich App 318; 475 NW2d 387 (1991).

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

Affirmed.

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Donald A. Teeple