

STATE V. CHAVEZ

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
Plaintiff-Appellee,
v.
ANGEL CHAVEZ,
Defendant-Appellant.

No. 32,980

COURT OF APPEALS OF NEW MEXICO

November 19, 2013

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, Charles W.
Brown, District Judge

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JUDGES

TIMOTHY L. GARCIA, Judge. WE CONCUR: J. MILES HANISEE, Judge, M. MONICA ZAMORA, Judge

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

GARCIA, Judge.

{1} Defendant has appealed from a conviction for DWI. The State promptly filed a motion to dismiss, challenging the jurisdiction of this Court to review decisions rendered by the district courts in cases involving on-record appeals. We delayed disposition in

order to await a formal decision on that issue. Recently, in *State v. Carroll*, 2013-NMCA-____, ¶¶ 1, 5, 9, 12, ___ P.3d ___ (No. 32,909, Oct. 21, 2013), this Court held that appeals from on-record decisions heard first by the district courts are properly before us. We therefore deny the State's motion to dismiss.

{2} Turning to the merits, we previously issued a notice of proposed summary disposition in which we proposed to uphold Defendant's conviction. Defendant has filed a memorandum in opposition. After due consideration, we remain unpersuaded.

{3} Defendant has challenged the sufficiency of the evidence to support her conviction for DWI under the impairment-to-the-slightest-degree standard. [DS 10; MIO 8-9] As described at greater length in the notice of proposed summary disposition, the State presented evidence, principally through the testimony of the officer who initiated the stop and conducted the ensuing DWI investigation, in satisfaction of each of the elements of the offense. In her memorandum in opposition Defendant does not dispute the presentation of that evidence. Instead, she suggests that "[t]he totality of the evidence was not sufficiently compelling" to establish her guilt with "certitude." [MIO 6-7] In this regard Defendant urges this Court to re-weigh the credibility of the witnesses and to draw its own inferences. [MIO 7-9] This we cannot do. *See generally State v. Nevarez*, 2010-NMCA-049, ¶ 9, 148 N.M. 820, 242 P.3d 387 ("[T]his Court will not re-weigh the credibility of the witnesses at trial or substitute its determination of the facts for that of the jury as long as there is sufficient evidence to support the verdict.").

{4} Accordingly, for the reasons stated in our notice of proposed summary disposition and above, we affirm.

{5} **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

TIMOTHY L. GARCIA, Judge

WE CONCUR:

J. MILES HANISEE, Judge

M. MONICA ZAMORA, Judge