

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 3-178 / 12-0816
Filed April 10, 2013

STATE OF IOWA,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

vs.

THOMAS JAMES RAUSCH JR.,
Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Woodbury County, John D. Ackerman, Judge.

A defendant appeals his conviction for attempted murder and willful injury, alleging there was insufficient evidence of his specific intent to kill the victim.

AFFIRMED.

Mark C. Smith, State Appellate Defender, and Dennis D. Hendrickson, Assistant State Appellate Defender, for appellant.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, Teresa M. Baustian, Assistant Attorney General, Patrick Jennings, County Attorney, and Mark Campbell, Assistant County Attorney, for appellee.

Considered by Vaitheswaran, P.J., and Tabor and Mullins, JJ.

MULLINS, J.

Thomas Rausch appeals from his conviction for attempted murder and willful injury, challenging the sufficiency of the evidence of his specific intent to kill the victim. Rausch waived a jury trial, and the district court issued a detailed thirty-three-page verdict specifically addressing the claims Rausch makes on appeal regarding his specific intent to kill. Rausch claimed through the testimony of an expert that he suffered from a dissociative disorder, which made him unable to form the specific intent to harm the victim. The district court fully considered the expert's testimony, along with the other evidence admitted at trial, and concluded the State proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Rausch acted with the specific intent to cause the death of the victim, as well as to cause serious injury to the victim. Sufficient evidence supports this conclusion. We therefore affirm the district court's decision pursuant to Iowa Court Rule 21.29(1)(b), (d), and (e).

AFFIRMED.