**CAPTION:** **STATE V. HICKS**

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SUMMARY:

Defendant’s convictions for carrying a concealed weapon and improperly handling a firearm in a motor vehicle were supported by sufficient evidence and the manifest weight of the evidence where constructive possession of the firearm was established through officer testimony describing defendant’s close proximity to the firearm and movements towards the firearm.

JUDGMENT: AFFIRMED

JUDGES: OPINION by BOCK, J.; ZAYAS, P.J., and WINKLER, J., CONCUR.