# CAPTION: STATE V. KELLY

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SUMMARY:

Where the trial court admitted a strip-search report and a contraband report that allegedly contained hearsay statements and where the disputed statements were duplicative of the police officer witness’s admissible testimony, any error by the trial court in admitting the hearsay statements was harmless.

Where testimony established that the drugs were found on defendant’s person during a strip-search, there was sufficient evidence to convict defendant of possession.

Where the jury was in the best position as the fact-finder to give more weight to the officer’s testimony than defendant’s testimony, defendant’s conviction for possession of cocaine was not against the manifest weight of the evidence.

JUDGMENT: AFFIRMED

JUDGES: OPINION by KINSLEY, J.; BERGERON, P.J., and CROUSE, J., CONCUR.