

evidence was circumstantial does not impair the verdict." *State v. Collins*, 117 N.H. 198, 199, 371, A.2d 1154, 1155 (1977). The denial of the motion for a directed verdict of acquittal was therefore proper.

Defendant's second contention is that the court erred in admitting into evidence color slides depicting injuries to the sixteen-month-old victim. He admits that under "normal circumstances" the admission or exclusion of photographs into evidence is in the discretion of the trial court. He claims, however, that the slides' probative value is outweighed by their inflammatory effect. We do not find any abuse of discretion and hold that the court could properly find, in its sound exercise of discretion, that the probative value of the slides outweighed the possible prejudice. *State v. Breest supra*; *State v. Hayward*, 114 N.H. 792, 330 A.2d 445 (1974).

Exception overruled.

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