

Circuit Court for Baltimore City
Case No. 817276003

UNREPORTED
IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
OF MARYLAND

No. 2413

September Term, 2017

RONALD HARPER

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

Woodward, C.J.,
Leahy,
Moylan, Charles, E., Jr.
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: November 13, 2018

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Following a jury trial in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Ronald Harper, Jr., appellant, was convicted of carrying a handgun concealed or openly about his person and possession of ammunition after having been convicted of a disqualifying crime. His sole contention on appeal is that there was insufficient evidence to support his conviction because, he claims, the State failed to prove that he possessed the firearm and ammunition. However, defense counsel did not raise this claim when making her motion for judgment of acquittal in the trial court. Consequently, it is not preserved for appellate review. *See Peters v. State*, 224 Md. App. 306, 354 (2015) (“[R]eview of a claim of insufficiency is available only for the reasons given by [the defendant] in his motion for judgment of acquittal.” (citation omitted)).¹

**JUDGMENTS OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY
AFFIRMED. COSTS TO BE PAID
BY APPELLANT.**

¹Although Harper does not specifically ask us to do so, we decline to exercise our discretion to engage in “plain error” review of this claim pursuant to Maryland Rule 8-131(a).