



(Docket No. 131337)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Appellant,
v. ANTRELL JOHNSON, Appellee.
Opinion filed March 19, 2026.

Justice Rochford delivered the judgment of the court, with opinion.

This case concerns whether Antrell Johnson was adequately identified as the person who shot Taurean Tyler and DeAngelo Mixon, killing Tyler and wounding Mixon. Two eyewitnesses, including Mixon, knew Johnson and identified him as the shooter in statements to investigators. Those two witnesses at trial said Johnson was not the shooter. There were also two other witnesses to the shooting who did not know Johnson, and one of them identified Johnson as the shooter from a photo array. The jury convicted Johnson of murder.

The appellate court reversed his conviction. The supreme court reversed the appellate court's reversal: the appellate court had applied the test for due process limits on the admission of an eyewitness's identification of a defendant to police following a suggestive identification procedure, despite defendant's challenge being one to the sufficiency of the evidence and not that the lineup procedure at issue was suggestive. Considering the admission of the identification evidence as part of the totality of the circumstances, the supreme court found the evidence sufficient to sustain Johnson's conviction. The supreme court remanded to the appellate court to consider defendant's challenge to the effectiveness of his trial counsel.