Circuit Court for Howard County Case No. 13-K-17-058016

UNREPORTED

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

OF MARYLAND

No. 2509

September Term, 2017

NICOLE LANAE JOHNSON

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

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

JJ.

PER CURIAM

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Following a jury trial in the Circuit Court for Howard County, Nichole Lanae Johnson, appellant, was convicted of second-degree assault and theft on property valued less than \$1,000. Her sole contention on appeal is that there was insufficient evidence to support her convictions. However, when making her motion for judgment of acquittal in the trial court, defense counsel submitted on the evidence and did not raise any of the claims that Johnson now raises on appeal. Consequently, the issue 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 HOWARD COUNTY AFFIRMED. COSTS TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.

¹Although Johnson 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).