

BOISE, TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025, AT 10:30 A.M.

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Docket No. 50581

STATE OF IDAHO,)
)
Plaintiff-Respondent,)
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v.)
)
JESSE MICHAEL SAVALA,)
)
Defendant-Appellant.)

Appeal from the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Bannock County. Hon. Robert C. Naftz, District Judge.

Erik R. Lehtinen, State Appellate Public Defender; Sally J. Cooley, Deputy Appellate Public Defender, Boise, for appellant.

Hon. Raúl R. Labrador, Attorney General; Mark W. Olson, Deputy Attorney General, Boise, for respondent.

Jesse Michael Savala appeals from his judgment of conviction for burglary. He challenges the denial of his motion to dismiss for an alleged violation of his statutory speedy trial right. Savala argues that the district court erred by denying his motion because the State did not show, and the district court did not find, good cause for not bringing him to trial within the six-month statutory speedy trial period. Specifically, Savala contends that the State did not argue that good cause to delay the trial existed under the factors outlined in Idaho Criminal Rule 28. Savala further contends that the district court did not find or even consider whether there were reasons constituting good cause for the delay. The State responds that the district court correctly denied Savala's motion to dismiss. The State argues that good cause for the delay was presented in the form of the backlog of cases associated with the global Covid-19 pandemic which prevented Savala's trial from timely moving forward.