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SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE v. JANE DOE (2016-32) No. 44408 Release date March 10, 2017 Idaho Supreme Court

BURDICK, Chief Justice.

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the Bonneville County Magistrate Court's judgment terminating the parental rights of Jane Doe (Mother). The magistrate held an eight-day trial, where over forty witnesses testified and one-hundred-eighty exhibits were admitted. The magistrate found that Mother had neglected her two minor children (Children) and that termination was in Children's best interests. The magistrate entered a judgment to that effect. On appeal, the Court affirmed that the magistrate's judgment was supported by substantial, competent evidence. The Court specifically held that substantial, competent evidence supported the magistrate's conclusions that (1) neglect was satisfied under Idaho Code section 16-2002(3)(b); (2) neglect was satisfied under Idaho Code section 16-1602(28)(b); and (3) termination was in Children's best interests. Because the magistrate's judgment was supported by substantial, competent evidence, the Court affirmed the termination of Mother's parental rights. https://isc.idaho.gov/opinions/44408X.pdf

COURT OF APPEALS DECISIONS

STATE OF IDAHO v. BRYAN A. SANTANA No. 43873 Release date March 6, 2017 Idaho Court of Appeals

MELANSON, Judge

The State appeals from the district court's order on intermediate appeal affirming the magistrate's order granting a motion to suppress evidence seized during a search of Bryan A. Santana's residence. The State appealed to the district court. After the magistrate granted his motion to suppress, the district court on intermediate appeal affirmed the magistrate's order suppressing evidence. The district court concluded that the probation order, not the probation agreement, set the substantive terms of probation. The district court alternatively affirmed on the basis that the State did not have the requisite reasonable grounds to conduct a search of Santana's residence https://isc.idaho.gov/opinions/Santana%20Corrected%20Opinion.pdf

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