

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. Garcia, Docket No. 42516

In an appeal from a decision of the Ada County district court acting in its appellate capacity, the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the district court. The magistrate court dismissed the State's motion for contempt against Garcia on the grounds that it lost jurisdiction over Garcia on his twenty-first birthday under the Juvenile Corrections Act (JCA) according to Idaho Code section 20-507. The district court affirmed the dismissal. On appeal, the Supreme Court unanimously held that the magistrate court had jurisdiction over Garcia for the purposes of the contempt motion because the jurisdiction to hear the contempt motion did not arise from the JCA. The Supreme Court also recognized that because there is no applicable statute of limitations for civil contempt sanctions, the defense of laches may be asserted against motions for civil contempt.