

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. Godwin
Docket No. 44858

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of conviction entered against Jason Andrew Godwin, Sr., in Idaho County district court for second degree murder. Godwin was convicted in February 2016, for the killing of Kyle A. Anderson on June 9, 2014. Godwin timely appealed and set forth six issues on appeal. The Supreme Court held: (1) the district court did not err when it denied Godwin's motion to suppress because the totality of the circumstances showed that Godwin was not in custody for *Miranda* purposes during his interview; (2) the district court correctly ruled that specific instances of a victim's conduct are inadmissible under Rule 405 of the Idaho Rules of Evidence; (3) the district court's overbroad statement regarding the foundational requirement for the presentation of opinion or reputation evidence of a victim in a self-defense cases did not constitute error because the misstatement was corrected by the court's written ruling; (4) Godwin invited any alleged error stemming from the jury instructions on justifiable homicide under Idaho Code section 18-4009(1) by requesting the instructions; (5) the State committed prosecutorial misconduct during closing argument by impermissibly vouching for witnesses and evidence but the misconduct did not rise to the level of fundamental error; (6) the cumulative error doctrine was inapplicable to Godwin's case because none of the errors in his case amounted to fundamental error.