

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. George, Docket No. 45196

This appeal concerns a jurisdictional dispute. Tribal police arrested Shaula Marie George (“George”) for possession of methamphetamine on the Coeur d’Alene reservation. Upon discovery that George was not a member of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, the case was referred to the Kootenai County district court. Thereafter, George filed a motion to dismiss based on lack of jurisdiction. The district granted George’s motion, finding that despite the fact that George was not eligible to become a member of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, George was an Indian; thus, the district court did not have jurisdiction. The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed.