

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**  
*State v. Travas Wayne Bickhart*  
Docket No. 45829

In this case arising out of Shoshone County, the Court of Appeals affirmed Travas Wayne Bickhart’s judgment of conviction and concurrent unified sentences of twenty years, with minimum periods of confinement of ten years, for three counts of rape and three counts of sexual battery on a child sixteen or seventeen years of age.

On appeal, Bickhart asserted that the district court “downplayed” Bickhart’s lack of a prior criminal record “because of the number of charges involved” in this case and alleged that the district court “effectively sentenced him, a first[-]time offender, as a persistent violator and failed to consider the possibility of rehabilitation in doing so.” Bickhart argued that the “district court’s sentencing decision was contrary to the Idaho Supreme Court’s repeated holdings” that rehabilitation should be a greater consideration for first-time offenders and such offenders are entitled to more lenient treatment than habitual offenders.

The Court of Appeals held that the district court specifically articulated the four goals of sentencing and considered each factor in its sentencing decision. The Court of Appeals rejected Bickhart’s argument that the district court acted contrary to Idaho Supreme Court precedent and held that the district court did not abuse its sentencing discretion.