

BOISE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of: Jane Doe I,)	
A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age.)	
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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND)	
WELFARE,)	
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Petitioner-Respondent,)	Docket No. 46457
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v.)	
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JANE DOE,)	
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Respondent-Appellant.)	
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Appeal from the Magistrate Court of the Third Judicial District, State of Idaho, Washington County. Hon. David Eames, Magistrate Judge.

Specht Law, PLLC, Weiser, for appellant.

Hon. Lawrence G. Wasden, Idaho Attorney General, Boise, for respondent.

Jane Doe appeals from a judgment of the Washington County magistrate court terminating her parental rights to her child, R.E. The child was born with methamphetamines in her system and was declared in imminent danger, with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare assuming temporary custody. The case plan entered into for parental reunification focused on abstinence from controlled substances and drug treatment. Doe struggled with beginning treatment and relapsed into using methamphetamines. IDHW petitioned that Doe's parental rights be terminated. A three day termination hearing was held and the magistrate court terminated Doe's parental rights to R.E. after finding that she neglected the child and that termination was in the child's best interest. Doe appeals, arguing that the magistrate court's finding of neglect was not supported by substantial and competent evidence, and that the court erred in determining termination was in the child's best interest.