

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Docket No. 46611

STATE OF IDAHO,)
) **Filed: August 20, 2019**
) **Plaintiff-Respondent,**)
) **Karel A. Lehrman, Clerk**
v.)
) **THIS IS AN UNPUBLISHED**
) **MATTHEW DALE STONECIPHER,**) **OPINION AND SHALL NOT**
) **BE CITED AS AUTHORITY**
) **Defendant-Appellant.**)
)

Appeal from the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Ada County. Hon. Steven Hippler, District Judge.

Order relinquishing jurisdiction, affirmed.

Eric D. Fredericksen, State Appellate Public Defender; Reed P. Anderson, Deputy Appellate Public Defender, Boise, for appellant.

Hon. Lawrence G. Wasden, Attorney General; Lori A. Fleming, Deputy Attorney General, Boise, for respondent.

Before GRATTON, Chief Judge; HUSKEY, Judge;
and BRAILSFORD, Judge

PER CURIAM

Matthew Dale Stonecipher pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine. Idaho Code § 37-2732(c). The district court sentenced Stonecipher to a unified term of seven years with two and one-half years determinate and retained jurisdiction.

Following the period of retained jurisdiction, the district court relinquished jurisdiction and executed its original sentence. Stonecipher appeals, claiming that the district court abused its discretion when it relinquished jurisdiction.

We note that the decision to place a defendant on probation or whether, instead, to relinquish jurisdiction over the defendant is a matter within the sound discretion of the district court and will not be overturned on appeal absent an abuse of that discretion. *State v. Hood*, 102

Idaho 711, 712, 639 P.2d 9, 10 (1981); *State v. Lee*, 117 Idaho 203, 205-06, 786 P.2d 594, 596-97 (Ct. App. 1990). The record in this case shows that the district court properly considered the information before it and determined that probation was not appropriate. We hold that Stonecipher has failed to show that the district court abused its discretion in relinquishing jurisdiction.

Stonecipher argues that all of the relevant goals of sentencing could have been accomplished with probation. As noted above, however, the district court found that probation was not an appropriate course of action in Stonecipher's case. The record does not indicate that the district court abused its discretion in sentencing.

The order of the district court relinquishing jurisdiction is affirmed.