

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

*State v. William P. Taylor*

Docket No. 47260

William P. Taylor was charged with first degree murder for killing his father, Paul Taylor; second degree murder for killing his mother, Mary Jane Taylor; and two counts of failing to report a death to law enforcement. Taylor pled not guilty, and the case proceeded to trial. After the close of the State's evidence, Taylor moved for a judgment of acquittal under Idaho Criminal Rule 29 on the first degree murder charge, arguing the State failed to prove Paul Taylor's murder was premeditated. The district court denied the motion. Ultimately, the jury found Taylor guilty on all four counts. Taylor appealed his conviction for first degree murder of Paul Taylor for lack of sufficient evidence to prove premeditation.

The Idaho Court of Appeals concluded the State presented substantial and competent evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Taylor premediated Paul Taylor's murder, and the circumstantial facts presented at trial established a reasonable foundation to allow the jury to infer Taylor's premeditation.

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