

SUMMARY STATEMENT
State of Idaho v. Jessica Lee Colpitts
Docket No. 47388

Jessica Lee Colpitts appeals from her judgment of conviction for first degree murder for the murder of Samantha Fignani. At trial, the State presented Cassie Madsen's testimony that Madsen drove Colpitts to Fignani's residence; Colpitts fatally shot Fignani in the abdomen; and Madsen drove Colpitts from the scene. The State also presented evidence that Colpitts had a motive to kill Fignani because Fignani was in a relationship with Joseph Walker, Colpitts' boyfriend and the father of one of her children. This evidence included call logs and audio recordings of telephone calls from Walker, who was in jail at the time, to Colpitts.

Colpitts objected to the audio recordings and calls logs as lacking foundation. The district court, however, overruled these objections and admitted the audio recordings and the call logs into evidence. Colpitts also requested that the court instruct the jury that Madsen was an accomplice as a matter of law. The court, however, declined and instead instructed the jury to determine whether Madsen was an accomplice.

On appeal, Colpitts challenges the district court's rulings admitting the audio recordings and call logs and argues the court erred in refusing to instruct the jury that Madsen was an accomplice as a matter of law. The Idaho Court of Appeals concluded the district court did not abuse its discretion by admitting the audio recordings and the call logs into evidence because the State presented evidence authenticating the recordings and the call logs. Additionally, the Court concluded the district court did not err by declining to instruct the jury that Madsen was an accomplice as a matter of law because a question of fact existed whether Madsen was an accomplice. Accordingly, the Court affirmed Colpitts' judgment of conviction for first degree murder.

This summary constitutes no part of the opinion of the Court but has been prepared by court staff for the convenience of the public.