SUMMARY STATEMENT

State of Idaho v. Matthew Fernando Medrano Docket No. 47766

Matthew Fernando Medrano appeals from the district court's denial of his motion to correct an illegal sentence. Medrano pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. Under a binding plea agreement, the court placed Medrano on probation for four years. The court also ordered Medrano to pay \$50.00 per month toward a total, court-ordered financial obligation of \$945.50. Further, the court ordered Medrano's probationary term would automatically extend beyond four years until he fully satisfied this financial obligation. Medrano moved to modify this probationary term, arguing it is an illegal sentence. The district court denied Medrano's motion.

On appeal, Medrano challenges this denial. The Idaho Court of Appeals concludes Medrano's indeterminate probationary term, extending indefinitely until he fully satisfies his court-ordered financial obligation, violates the statutory scheme requiring the district court to prescribe a fixed term of probation not to exceed the maximum period for which the court could have imprisoned Medrano. The Court reverses the district court's denial of Medrano's motion challenging his probationary term as illegal and remands the case for further proceedings.

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