

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

*State, Dep't of Health & Welfare*  
*v. Jane Doe (2020-33)*  
Docket No. 48269

Jane Doe (Mother) appeals from the judgment terminating her parental rights to her four minor children. During the pendency of the termination case, Mother became incarcerated in Georgia. She moved to continue the termination hearing indefinitely or alternatively to be allowed to appear and to testify by video teleconference. The magistrate court denied Mother's motion to continue the termination hearing but advised it would allow Mother to testify by video if the parties stipulated under Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2(a)(2). Thereafter, the parties so stipulated, and Mother testified by video and was otherwise present at the hearing by telephone.

Following the hearing, the magistrate court terminated Mother's parental rights, concluding she neglected the children by failing to provide the care and control necessary for the children's well-being and, alternatively, failing to complete her case plan and that termination of Mother's parental rights is in the children's best interests. On appeal, Mother challenges the court's denial of her motion for a continuance. Mother, however, fails to assert any cogent argument or authority challenging the denial of her motion for a continuance of the termination hearing. Likewise, Mother fails to make any cogent legal argument or to cite any supporting legal authority that she neglected the children and that termination of her parental rights is in the children's best interests. Accordingly, the Idaho Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment terminating Mother's parental rights.

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