

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

*State of Idaho, Dep't of Health & Welfare*  
*v. Jane Doe (2020-47)*  
Docket No. 48444

Jane Doe (Mother) appeals from the judgment terminating her parental rights to her five minor children. On appeal, Mother argues that substantial and competent evidence does not support the magistrate court's findings that she neglected the children and that the termination of her parental rights is in the children's best interests; the magistrate court failed to take into account Mother's individual situation; and the coronavirus pandemic severely impacted her ability to perform the case plan.

The Idaho Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment terminating Mother's parental rights. The Court ruled that substantial and competent evidence supports the magistrate court's conclusion that Mother neglected the children under Idaho Code § 16-1602(31) by failing to provide for the children's well-being and also, alternatively, under I.C. § 16-2002(3)(b) by failing to perform the case plan and that the termination of Mother's parental rights is in the children's best interests. Further, the Court ruled that the magistrate court took into account the specifics of Mother's individual situation. Finally, the Court ruled that Mother failed to articulate how the pandemic adversely impacted her ability to perform the case plan and noted the magistrate court acknowledged the pandemic's impact on the nature and quality of visitation and did not attribute any visitation difficulties related to the pandemic to Mother.

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