

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

*State v. Stonecypher*

Docket No. 48561

Paul Stonecypher was stopped by law enforcement for vehicle equipment violations while driving through Idaho on a trip from California to Montana. Stonecypher alleged that his seizure was unlawfully prolonged to allow for a sniff of the vehicle by a drug-detection dog. The dog alerted on Stonecypher's vehicle, and a subsequent search uncovered illegal drugs and paraphernalia. The State charged Stonecypher with possession of methamphetamine, trafficking in marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Stonecypher moved to suppress the evidence of drugs and paraphernalia, arguing that the officer lacked reasonable suspicion to extend the stop for the dog sniff. The district court denied Stonecypher's motion to suppress and Stonecypher appealed. The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the district court's denial of the motion to suppress because the officer had reasonable suspicion of illegal drug activity before the traffic purpose of the stop was complete. Therefore, the stop was not unconstitutionally prolonged.

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