

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Docket No. 48916

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| STATE OF IDAHO, |) | |
| |) | Filed: April 15, 2022 |
| Plaintiff-Respondent, |) | |
| |) | Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk |
| v. |) | |
| |) | THIS IS AN UNPUBLISHED |
| EDWARD GARCIA GONZALES, |) | OPINION AND SHALL NOT |
| |) | BE CITED AS AUTHORITY |
| Defendant-Appellant. |) | |
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Appeal from the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Ada County. Hon. Jason D. Scott, District Judge.

Judgment of conviction and unified sentence of fifteen years, with a minimum period of confinement of twelve years, for attempted strangulation, affirmed.

Eric D. Fredericksen, State Appellate Public Defender; Jacob L. Westerfield, Deputy Appellate Public Defender, Boise, for appellant.

Hon. Lawrence G. Wasden, Attorney General; Kenneth K. Jorgensen, Deputy Attorney General, Boise, for respondent.

Before LORELLO, Chief Judge; GRATTON, Judge;
and HUSKEY, Judge

PER CURIAM

Edward Garcia Gonzales entered an *Alford*¹ plea to attempted strangulation, Idaho Code § 18-923. In exchange for his guilty plea, additional charges were dismissed. The district court imposed a unified sentence of fifteen years, with a minimum period of confinement of twelve years. Gonzales appeals, contending that his sentence is excessive.

Sentencing is a matter for the trial court’s discretion. Both our standard of review and the factors to be considered in evaluating the reasonableness of the sentence are well established and

¹ See *North Carolina v. Alford*, 400 U.S. 25 (1970).

need not be repeated here. See *State v. Hernandez*, 121 Idaho 114, 117-18, 822 P.2d 1011, 1014-15 (Ct. App. 1991); *State v. Lopez*, 106 Idaho 447, 449-51, 680 P.2d 869, 871-73 (Ct. App. 1984); *State v. Toohill*, 103 Idaho 565, 568, 650 P.2d 707, 710 (Ct. App. 1982). When reviewing the length of a sentence, we consider the defendant's entire sentence. *State v. Oliver*, 144 Idaho 722, 726, 170 P.3d 387, 391 (2007). Our role is limited to determining whether reasonable minds could reach the same conclusion as the district court. *State v. Biggs*, 168 Idaho 112, 116, 480 P.3d 150, 154 (Ct. App. 2020).

Applying these standards, and having reviewed the record in this case, we cannot say that the district court abused its discretion. Therefore, Gonzales's judgment of conviction and sentence are affirmed.