SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. Green
Docket No. 49079

Troy Dale Green appealed from his judgment of conviction for trafficking in methamphetamine; destruction, alteration, and/or concealment of evidence; unlawful possession of a firearm; and possession of drug paraphernalia. At trial, a detective testified about a cell phone data extraction performed on a cell phone found on the nightstand in Green's bedroom. Green objected, arguing the detective's testimony lacked foundation because the detective did not perform the extraction himself and did not have personal knowledge of the actual program used to perform the extraction. Green also argued such testimony violated the Sixth Amendment's Confrontation Clause. The district court overruled the objection. On appeal, Green argued: (1) the district court erred in permitting the detective to testify concerning the cell phone data extraction because such testimony constituted a violation of the Confrontation Clause; and (2) the district court abused its discretion in admitting the extracted text messages into evidence because the detective's testimony lacked foundation to properly authenticate the messages under Idaho Rule of Evidence 901(b).

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of conviction. The Court concluded that: (1) the detective's testimony did not violate the Confrontation Clause because it was based on his own analysis and conclusions drawn from the raw data; and (2) the detective's testimony was sufficient to authenticate the text messages under Idaho Rule of Evidence 901(b).

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