

SUMMARY STATEMENT
State of Idaho v. Sergio Roel Galindo
Docket No. 49123

Sergio Roel Galindo appeals from his judgment of conviction for trafficking in methamphetamine. Galindo specifically challenges the district court's denial of his motion to suppress evidence. After Officer Mandzic lawfully stopped the vehicle Galindo was driving, Galindo complained he was ill and responded affirmatively when asked if he wanted an ambulance. As paramedics examined Galindo in the ambulance, Officer Mandzic prepared the traffic citation. Paramedics were still examining Galindo when Officer Mandzic completed writing the citation so he remained in his patrol vehicle and began writing the traffic stop narrative. Meanwhile, Officer Christensen asked for and received Galindo's consent to search the vehicle. After Galindo exited the ambulance, Officer Mandzic began explaining the citation to Galindo and the steps necessary to resolve it. As Officer Mandzic was doing so, Officer Christensen found a digital scale with visible methamphetamine residue in the vehicle. As a result, Officer Mandzic did not return Galindo's documentation, and Officer Christensen eventually found more methamphetamine in the vehicle.

Galindo filed a suppression motion, arguing Officer Mandzic unlawfully extended the stop by not interrupting Galindo's medical examination to serve him with the citation. The district court denied the motion. On appeal, the Idaho Court of Appeals affirmed the denial, concluding Galindo--not Officer Mandzic--delayed the traffic stop by requesting and receiving medical treatment. The Court also rejected Galindo's argument that Officer Mandzic should have interrupted Galindo's medical examination to deliver the citation.

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