

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. Thompson, Docket No. 49492

The Idaho Supreme Court reversed a district court decision that amended a no contact order to prohibit Douglas Shane Thompson from contacting his minor son for more than eight years. The no contact order was originally entered in connection with Thompson's conviction for domestic violence in the presence of a child. The district court subsequently amended the no contact order on two occasions to allow Thompson contact with his son. When the mother of the child later sought to amend the no contact order to preclude Thompson from contacting her and the child, the State focused entirely on the mother's desire to be free from contact with Thompson. The district court granted the request but failed to explain what circumstances had changed between Thompson and his son to warrant prohibition of all contact. The Idaho Supreme Court held the district court's failure to explain what had changed between Thompson and his son was an abuse of discretion and reversed the district court's decision. Chief Justice Bevan and Justice Brody dissented.

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