

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State of Idaho v. Taevyn Leigh Fueller

Docket No. 50052

Taevyn Leigh Fueller appeals from her conviction for preparing false evidence. The false evidence consisted of two entries Fueller created in her children's daycare records. The first was an entry Fueller backdated and attributed authorship to another daycare worker. The second entry was not attributed to any specific daycare worker. On appeal, Fueller argues: (1) there was insufficient evidence to sustain her conviction because the daycare entries contained factually true information; (2) the prosecutor's multiple objections to her testimony deprived her of her constitutional right to testify; and (3) the district court erred in denying Fueller's motion to disqualify a juror for cause. The State argues the district court did not err because: (1) the creation of the entries constituted a falsity; (2) Fueller did not preserve a claim of a deprivation of a constitutional right to testify; and (3) there was no cause to disqualify the juror.

The Idaho Court of Appeals held: (1) there was sufficient evidence to sustain the conviction because Fueller falsely created the entry, backdated it, and attributed authorship to another person; (2) Fueller's claim of constitutional error was not preserved and, therefore, was not reviewed; (3) the district court did not err in declining to disqualify a juror because there was no evidence the juror was biased against Fueller or her case; and (4) the district court did not err in ruling on the evidentiary issues. Thus, the Court affirms Fueller's judgment of conviction.

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