

SUMMARY STATEMENT
State of Idaho v. Ryan Matthew Samford
Docket No. 50857

In this case arising out of Ada County, the Court of Appeals affirmed Ryan Matthew Samford's judgment of conviction for attempted strangulation and felony domestic violence or battery. Officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute and arrested Samford. The following day, the victim was interviewed and made statements about the altercation. The victim also went to the hospital and her medical records contain statements the victim made regarding the altercation.

A jury trial was held. Relevant to this appeal, the State moved at trial to admit the victim's prior statements based on the doctrine of forfeiture by wrongdoing. The district court granted the motion and admitted the victim's prior statements made during her interview with the detective and contained in her medical records. The district court also admitted the entire medical record under the business records exception. Samford testified, in relevant part, that the victim sent him pictures of models that he used to barter items with other inmates.

The jury found Samford guilty. On appeal, he challenges the admission of evidence admitted under the doctrine of forfeiture by wrongdoing and the admission of the entire medical record. Samford also argues the district court abused its discretion when it permitted questioning about the victim sending him the pictures he used as a bartering tool. The Court of Appeals concluded Samford failed to show the district court abused its discretion in admitting any of the challenged evidence or testimony.

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