

**BOISE, FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024, AT 10:00A.M.**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

<b>STATE OF IDAHO,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff-Respondent,</b>	)	
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<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 51030</b>
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<b>COREY DEMETRIUS WRIGHT,</b>	)	
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<b>Defendant-Appellant.</b>	)	

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Appeal from the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, Ada County. Nancy Baskin, District Judge.

Erik R. Lehtinen, State Appellate Public Defender, Boise, for Appellant.

Raúl R. Labrador, Idaho Attorney General, Boise, for Respondent.

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This case concerns a challenge to the State's exercise of a peremptory challenge under *Batson v. Kentucky*, 476 U.S. 79 (1986), as well as other assignments of error concerning the Idaho Rules of Evidence and a denied motion for a mistrial. The Idaho Supreme Court granted Cory Demetrius Wright's petition for review of the Idaho Court of Appeals decision affirming Wright's conviction. Wright was convicted of lewd conduct with a minor under the age of sixteen years old and sexual abuse of a child under the age of sixteen years old.

On appeal, Wright asserts five assignments of error, arguing that: (1) the district court erred in denying Wright's *Batson* challenge after the State used a peremptory challenge to strike the only black person from the venire; (2) the district court abused its discretion by improperly admitting prejudicial evidence under Rule 404(b) of the Idaho Rules of Evidence; (3) the district court erred in denying Wright's motion for a mistrial; (4) the district court abused its discretion by employing the incorrect legal standard when ruling on Wright's motion to present evidence of an alleged prior false accusation under Rule 412; and (5) the accumulation of the errors resulted in cumulative error that deprived Wright of a fair trial.