

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. Ruiz, Docket No. 51654

This case came to the Court on a petition for review. Esequiel Ruiz appealed the district court's order relinquishing jurisdiction. Ruiz pleaded guilty to one count of grand theft. He was sentenced to a unified term of eight years with four years determinate and placed on probation. Following a probation violation, the district court revoked probation and executed the previously suspended sentence, while retaining jurisdiction. A program manager with the North Idaho Corrections Institute ("NICI") recommended Ruiz be placed on supervised probation, and Ruiz signed an agreement of supervision in anticipation of the district court adopting that recommendation. The district court later relinquished jurisdiction. On appeal, Ruiz argued that the district court abused its discretion in relinquishing jurisdiction without providing an explanation and without a jurisdictional review hearing. The Idaho Supreme Court vacated and remanded the district court's order relinquishing jurisdiction because there was nothing in the record capable of review regarding the process that the district court engaged in to reach its decision.

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