

BOISE, AUGUST 3, 2021, AT 1:30 P.M

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Docket No. 47690

STATE OF IDAHO,)
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 Plaintiff-Respondent,)
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 v.)
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 PATRICK TYLER MAAHS,)
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 Defendant-Appellant.)
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Appeal from the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Ada County. Hon. Deborah A. Bail, District Judge.

Thomas Monaghan, Boise, for appellant.

Hon. Lawrence G. Wasden, Attorney General; Justin R. Porter, Deputy Attorney General, Boise, for respondent.

An officer arrived at a bank in response to an employee’s report of suspicious activity. Upon seeing the officer, Patrick Tyler Maahs and another man entered a single-person bathroom. The officer heard the sound of a toilet flush. After a second officer arrived, Maahs exited the bathroom and did not comply with the officers’ commands to come to them. The second officer drew his gun and pointed it at Maahs, handcuffed him, and placed him in a police vehicle. A drug dog alerted on the vehicle in which Maahs had arrived, and a search of the vehicle yielded, among other things, over a pound of methamphetamine. The State charged Maahs with multiple crimes, including trafficking in methamphetamine.

Maahs moved to suppress the evidence found from the search of his vehicle, contending in part that the officers did not have reasonable suspicion to detain him and that, in the alternative, his detention amounted to a de facto arrest for which the officers lacked probable cause. After the district court denied his motion to suppress, Maahs entered a conditional guilty plea to trafficking in methamphetamine. Maahs appeals, contending the district court erred in denying his motion to suppress.