

BOISE. THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021, AT 10:00 A.M.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

STATE OF IDAHO,)	
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Plaintiff-Appellant,)	
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v.)	Docket No. 48723
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ALEJANDRA MARIA OCHOA,)	
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Defendant-Respondent.)	

Appeal from the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, Canyon County. D. Duff McKee, Senior District Judge.

Lawrence G. Wasden, Idaho Attorney General, Boise, for Appellant.

Canyon County Public Defender, Caldwell, for Respondent.

On April 26, 2018, Alejandra Maria Ochoa pulled out of a convenience store parking lot onto a highway, without stopping. A motorcycle rider was traveling in the lane closest to Ochoa when she exited the parking lot. The motorcycle rider engaged his rear brake, lost control of the motorcycle, went down on his side, and eventually slid into Ochoa's vehicle. Medical personnel transported the motorcycle rider to the hospital but he later died from his injuries. The State charged Ochoa with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter. The case proceeded to trial in the magistrate court where a jury found Ochoa guilty. Ochoa appealed three issues to the district court: (1) the magistrate court's exclusion of the victim's toxicology report that showed positive results for methamphetamine; (2) the magistrate court's denial of Ochoa's motions to continue trial for discovery issues; and, (3) the magistrate court's decision to allow the State's pathologist to testify from medical records in front of the jury. The district court agreed with Ochoa on all three contentions, reversed her conviction and judgment, and remanded the case for a new trial. The Court of Appeals reversed the district court on all three issues. A petition for review was filed and the Supreme Court granted review.