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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Docket No. 48293

AIMEE BLALACK,)
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 Petitioner-Appellant,)
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 v.)
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 IDAHO TRANSPORTATION)
 DEPARTMENT,)
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 Respondent.)
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Appeal from the District Court of the First Judicial District, State of Idaho, Bonner County. Hon. John C. Judge, District Judge.

Arthur M. Bistline, Coeur d'Alene, for appellant.

Hon. Lawrence G. Wasden, Attorney General; Susan K. Servick, Deputy Attorney General, Coeur d'Alene, for respondent.

Aimee Blalack appeals from the district court's decision upon judicial review affirming the Idaho Transportation Department's order suspending her driver's license. Blalack was stopped at 12:30 a.m. for speeding by an Idaho State Trooper. After the stop, the trooper observed that Blalack had glassy eyes and slurred speech. The trooper asked Blalack to exit her vehicle. After Blalack admitted to drinking alcohol that night, the trooper performed field sobriety tests, which Blalack failed. A subsequent breath test indicated that Blalack was over the legal limit. Blalack was arrested for driving under the influence (DUI).

Blalack requested an administrative hearing to contest her administrative license suspension, during which she argued that the trooper lacked legal cause to begin investigating her for DUI. The hearing officer found that, based on the circumstances and Blalack's condition, the trooper had reasonable suspicion to extend Blalack's detention for a DUI investigation. The district court affirmed the hearing officer's decision. Blalack then timely appealed to this Court.