

**BOISE, MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025, AT 10:00 A.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. 50707</b>
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<b>AMANDA JOAN FLETCHER</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. Ronald J. Wilper, 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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Amanda Fletcher was parked outside of a Jackson’s convenience store in Garden City when police ran the license plate of the automobile she was parked in. Officers learned that Fletcher had a warrant for her arrest for a probation violation. Officers arrested Fletcher and asked for consent to search her car. Fletcher denied consent. Officers used a drug detection dog to perform an open-air sniff of the vehicle. The dog alerted by the driver’s door. Officers then searched the vehicle and discovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Fletcher was charged for possessing methamphetamine and paraphernalia. She moved to suppress the evidence arguing that the search was unlawful under the Idaho Constitution. The district court denied Fletcher’s motion.

Fletcher appeals the denial of her motion to suppress arguing that open-air sniffs by a drug detection dog should be considered searches under the Idaho Constitution. She also argues that the Idaho Constitution provides a heightened standard for the automobile exception to the warrant requirement. She also argues that the district court erred when it found that this Court’s holding in *State v. Maxim* had been satisfied. The State argues that the district court correctly interpreted the Idaho Constitution, and that *Maxim* is wrongly decided or distinguishable.