

BOISE, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

STATE OF IDAHO,)	
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Plaintiff-Respondent,)	
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v.)	Docket No. 51654
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ESEQUIEL A. RUIZ,)	
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Defendant-Appellant.)	
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Appeal from the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, Bannock County. Javier L. Gabiola, District Judge.

Erik R. Lehtinen, State Appellate Public Defender, Boise, for Appellant, Esequiel A. Ruiz.

Raúl Labrador, Idaho Attorney General, Boise, for Respondent, State of Idaho.

Esequiel Ruiz appeals 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 imposed sentence. A program manager with the North Idaho Corrections Institute later recommended that 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, however, subsequently relinquished jurisdiction. On appeal, Ruiz argues that the district court abused its discretion in relinquishing jurisdiction without explanation and without a jurisdictional review hearing.