

BOISE, FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 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.)	
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ERICK VIRGIL HALL,)	
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Defendant-Appellant.)	
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)	Docket Nos. 34890/49390
ERICK VIRGIL HALL,)	
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Petitioner-Appellant,)	
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v.)	
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STATE OF IDAHO,)	
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Respondent.)	
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Appeal from the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho,
Ada County, Thomas Neville, District Judge and Lynn Norton, District Judge.

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

Raúl R. Labrador, Idaho Attorney General, Boise, for Respondent.

This is a consolidated appeal, involving a direct appeal of a felony-murder conviction and an appeal arising from the summary dismissal of Erick Virgil Hall’s petition for post-conviction relief. In 2007, Hall was convicted and sentenced to death for the 2003 felony-murder and rape of Cheryl Ann Hanlon. Prior to trial but after the State had filed its notice of intent to seek the death penalty, Hall was convicted and sentenced to death for the first-degree murder of flight attendant Lynn Henneman in 2000, which this Court affirmed in *State v. Hall*, 163 Idaho 744, 419 P.3d 1042 (2018). The State subsequently filed an amended notice of intent to seek the death penalty, adding the statutory aggravator under Idaho Code section 18-2515(9)(a) that Hall was previously convicted of another murder. This aggravator was the sole basis for the jury’s decision to sentence Hall to death—instead of life in prison without the possibility of parole—for the murder of Ms.

Hanlon. Following his conviction for the murder of Ms. Hanlon, Hall petitioned for post-conviction relief, alleging forty-three claims of ineffective assistance of trial counsel and multiple instances of prosecutorial misconduct. The district court summarily dismissed these claims, with the exception of two claims that were subsequently dismissed after an evidentiary hearing.

In his direct appeal, Hall alleges numerous errors during both the guilt and sentencing phases of trial, including (among others) that the jury was not impartial due to the extensive media coverage of his prior death sentence and that evidence pertaining to the murder of Ms. Henneman was improperly admitted at sentencing. Hall also makes specific challenges to the summary dismissal of his post-conviction ineffective assistance of counsel and prosecutorial misconduct claims.