

BOISE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, AT 11:10 A.M.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Docket No. 47396**

STATE OF IDAHO,)
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Plaintiff-Appellant,)
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v.)
)
GREGORY WADE TOWNER, SR.,)
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Defendant-Respondent.)
_____)

Appeal from the District Court of the First Judicial District of the State of Idaho, Kootenai County. John T. Mitchell District Judge.

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

Eric D. Fredericksen, State Appellate Public Defender, attorney for Respondent.

This case comes to the Court on a petition for review from the Idaho Court of Appeals. Gregory Wade Towner, Sr., appeals from his conviction for possession of methamphetamine. The arresting officer found the contraband on Towner's person during a warrantless search. Towner filed a motion to suppress, arguing that the officer's conduct violated his constitutional rights against unreasonable searches and seizures. The district court denied Towner's motion after concluding that the officer's seizure and subsequent search were a reasonable exercise of the officer's community caretaking function. On appeal, Towner challenges the district court's denial of his motion to suppress.