

BOISE, MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022, AT 8:50 A.M.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

STATE OF IDAHO

Plaintiff-Respondent,

V.

NATALIE J. MIRAMONTES.

Defendants-Appellant,

Docket No. 49460

Appeal from the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, Bannock County. Stephen S. Dunn, District Judge.

Eric D. Fredericksen, Idaho State Public Defender, Boise, attorney for Appellant.

Lawrence G. Wasden, Idaho Attorney General, Boise, attorney Respondent

Miramontes appeals from the judgment entered on her conditional guilty plea to possession of methamphetamine. Officers detained Miramontes while they conducted a residence check on another female probationer. During the detention, an officer searched Miramontes' purse and found drug paraphernalia. Officers also searched the residence, including a room Miramontes was staying in, and found more drug paraphernalia and a substance that tested presumptively positive for methamphetamine. Miramontes filed a motion to suppress all evidence found following her detention, which the district court denied. On appeal, Miramontes contends that the district court erred by denying her suppression motion because the search of her purse was not justified under any exception to the warrant requirement or by the probationer's Fourth Amendment waiver. She also argues the evidence in the bedroom would not have been inevitably discovered without the unlawful search of her purse. The State argues Miramontes' challenge to the search of her purse was not preserved and otherwise fails on its merits. Miramontes appealed to the Court of Appeals, which affirmed her conviction. She then petitioned this Court for review, which was granted.