

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State of Idaho v. Nicholas Brian Sunseri

Docket No. 45260

In an appeal from an appellate decision of the Kootenai County District Court, the Supreme Court reversed the district court's decision to affirm the magistrate court's denial of Nicholas Brian Sunseri's motion to withdraw his guilty plea. The Court held that both the magistrate and district courts had applied the more rigorous post-sentencing motion to withdraw standard, requiring Sunseri to demonstrate manifest injustice. The Court highlighted the correct standard for a pre-sentencing motion to withdraw, requiring just cause, before remanding the case to the magistrate court to determine whether just cause existed that warranted Sunseri's motion to withdraw.