

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. Abramowski

Docket No. 45296

The Supreme Court affirmed the decisions of the district court in denying Abramowski's motion to expunge a criminal record and motion to reconsider. Matthew Abramowski was charged with, and ultimately pled guilty to, first degree arson when he was 15 years old. The district court withheld judgment and eventually dismissed the case. After his charges were dismissed, Abramowski filed a motion to expunge and was given a hearing, but the district court denied his request for expungement, determining that the public interest in knowing of Abramowski's serious charge predominated over his privacy interests. Abramowski then filed a motion to reconsider and presented witnesses at the reconsideration hearing, but the district court again determined the public interest predominated over his privacy interests. Abramowski appealed, arguing that the district court abused its discretion. The Supreme Court affirmed the decisions of the district court and held that it did not abuse its discretion. It also clarified the difference between expungement and sealing a record under Idaho Court Administrative Rule 32.