

SUMMARY STATEMENT

State v. Bodenbach

Docket No. 45599

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed Adam David Bodenbach's judgment of conviction entered against him in Ada County District Court for first-degree murder. The Court held that there was no reversible error when the district court instructed the jury regarding Bodenbach being an "initial aggressor." The Court held that the district court did not err by instructing the jury that in order for an initial aggressor to claim self-defense, he must: (1) in good faith endeavor to decline further combat, and (2) clearly inform the victim of a desire to end the conflict. Further, the Court affirmed the district court's finding that Bodenbach knowingly and intelligently waived his *Miranda* rights. Finally, the Court affirmed Bodenbach's sentencing because the district court did not abuse its discretion in imposing a term of not less than twenty-five years, followed by an indeterminate life sentence.