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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

STATE OF IDAHO,

Supreme Court Case No. 44098

vs.

MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,

Defendant-Appellant.

Plaintiff-Respondent,

CLERK'S RECORD ON APPEAL

Appeal from the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, in and for the County of Ada.

HONORABLE GERALD SCHROEDER

JOHN R. SHACKELFORD LAWRENCE G. WASDEN

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

BOISE, IDAHO BOISE, IDAHO

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Case: CR-MD-2015-0004410 Current Judge: Gerald Schroeder

Defendant: Tregeagle, Marvie Jean

State of Idaho vs. Marvie Jean Tregeagle

Date	Code	User		Judge
3/27/2015	NCRM	PRADAMKD	New Case Filed - Misdemeanor	Magistrate Court Clerk
	PROS	PRADAMKD	Prosecutor assigned Ada County Prosecutor	Magistrate Court Clerk
3/31/2015	AFPD	TCKEENMM	Application For Public Defender	Magistrate Court Clerk
	CHGA	TCKEENMM	Judge Change: Administrative	Thomas Watkins
	ORPD	TCKEENMM	Order Appointing Public Defender Ada County Public Defender [on the record in open court]	Thomas Watkins
	HRSC	TCKEENMM	Hearing Scheduled (AC Pretrial Conference 05/04/2015 08:15 AM)	Thomas Watkins
	HRSC	TCKEENMM	Hearing Scheduled (Jury Trial 05/28/2015 08:15 AM)	Thomas Watkins
	PLEA	TCKEENMM	A Plea is entered for charge: - NG (I37-2732(c)(3) {M} Controlled Substance-Possession of)	Thomas Watkins
	NHPD	TCKEENMM	Notice & Order Of Hearing/appointment Of Pd	Thomas Watkins
4/2/2015	RQDD	TCDERRJT	Defendant's Request for Discovery	Thomas Watkins
4/16/2015	RQDS	TCKEENMM	State/City Request for Discovery	Thomas Watkins
	RSDS	TCKEENMM	State/City Response to Discovery	Thomas Watkins
5/1/2015	MOTE	TCSHANAA	Motion to Enlarge	Thomas Watkins
	MOTN	TCWRIGSA	Motion to Suppress Evidence	Thomas Watkins
5/4/2015	ORDR	TCBELLHL	Order Enlarging Time	Thomas Watkins
	HRHD	TCBELLHL	Hearing result for AC Pretrial Conference scheduled on 05/04/2015 08:15 AM: Hearing Held. Set Suppression Hearing.	Thomas Watkins
	HRVC	TCBELLHL	Hearing result for Jury Trial scheduled on 05/28/2015 08:15 AM: Hearing Vacated	Thomas Watkins
	HRSC	TCBELLHL	Hearing Scheduled (Motion to Suppress 06/09/2015 04:00 PM)	Thomas Watkins
	MMNH	TCBELLHL	Magistrate Minutes & Notice of Hearing	Thomas Watkins
6/1/2015	MEMO	TCCHRIKE	Memorandum in Support of Motion to Suppress	Thomas Watkins
6/3/2015	MEMO	TCCHRIKE	State's Memorandum in Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Suppress	Thomas Watkins
6/5/2015	STIP	TCCHRIKE	Stipulation to Continue	Thomas Watkins
6/9/2015	ORDR	TCBELLHL	Order to Continue	Thomas Watkins
	CONT	TCBELLHL	Continued (Motion to Suppress 07/20/2015 03:30 PM)	Thomas Watkins
	NOTH	TCBELLHL	Notice Of Hearing	Thomas Watkins
6/26/2015	BAAT	PDVANVKE	ATTORNEY REASSIGNED BY BATCH PROCESSING (batch process) Erik J O'Daniel, 6534 removed. Elana O Salzman, 9607 assigned.	
7/20/2015	HRHD	TCBELLHL	Hearing result for Motion to Suppress scheduled on 07/20/2015 03:30 PM: Hearing Held. Court	Thomas Watkins
			Takes Matter Under Advisement.	000002

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Defendant: Tregeagle, Marvie Jean

State of Idaho vs. Marvie Jean Tregeagle

Date	Code	User		Judge
8/21/2015	MEMO	TCBELLHL	Memorandum Opinion on Motion to Suppress	Thomas Watkins
	HRSC	TCBELLHL	Hearing Scheduled (AC Pretrial Conference 10/13/2015 08:15 AM)	Thomas Watkins
	HRSC	TCBELLHL	Hearing Scheduled (Jury Trial 11/05/2015 08:15 AM)	Thomas Watkins
	NOTH	TCBELLHL	Notice Of Hearing	Thomas Watkins
10/13/2015	STIP	TCBELLHL	Stipulation to Enter Conditional Guilty Plea	Thomas Watkins
	CAGP	TCBELLHL	Hearing result for AC Pretrial Conference scheduled on 10/13/2015 08:15 AM: Court Accepts Guilty Plea	Thomas Watkins
	PLEA	TCBELLHL	A Plea is entered for charge: - GT (I37-2732(c)(3) {M} Controlled Substance-Possession of)	Thomas Watkins
	FIGT	TCBELLHL	Finding of Guilty (I37-2732(c)(3) {M} Controlled Substance-Possession of)	Thomas Watkins
	JAIL	TCBELLHL	Sentenced to Jail or Detention (I37-2732(c)(3) [M] Controlled Substance-Possession of) Confinement terms: Jail: 90 days. Suspended jail: 90 days.	Thomas Watkins
	PROB	TCBELLHL	Probation Ordered (I37-2732(c)(3) {M} Controlled Substance-Possession of) Probation term: 1 year 0 months 0 days. (Misdemeanor Unsupervised)	Thomas Watkins
	STAT	TCBELLHL	STATUS CHANGED: closed pending clerk action	Thomas Watkins
	SNPF	TCBELLHL	Sentenced To Pay Fine 332.50 charge: I37-2732(c)(3) {M} Controlled Substance-Possession of	Thomas Watkins
	osoo	TCBELLHL	Other Sentencing Option Ordered: Community Service Hours assigned: 100	Thomas Watkins
	HRVC	TCBELLHL	Hearing result for Jury Trial scheduled on 11/05/2015 08:15 AM: Hearing Vacated	Thomas Watkins
	WPOG	TCBELLHL	Written Plea Of Guilty	Thomas Watkins
	MOTN	TCFRIECT	Motion for Stay of Execution of sentence Pending Appeal	Thomas Watkins
	APDC	TCWRIGSA	Appeal Filed In District Court	Thomas Watkins
	NOTA	TCWRIGSA	NOTICE OF APPEAL	Thomas Watkins
	CAAP	TCWRIGSA	Case Appealed:	Thomas Watkins
	STAT	TCWRIGSA	STATUS CHANGED: Reopened	Thomas Watkins
	CHGA	CCNELSRF	Judge Change: Administrative	Gerald Schroeder
10/14/2015	ORDR	TCBELLHL	Order Staying Execution of Sentence Pending Appeal	Thomas Watkins
10/20/2015	NOPA	DCNIXONR	Notice of Preparation of Appeal Transcript	Thomas Watkins
10/21/2015	ORDR	CCNELSRF	Order Governing Procedure on Appeal	Thomas Watkins
10/29/2015	ORDR	CCNELSRF	Amended Order Governing Procedure on Appeal	Thomas Watkins
11/10/2015	NLT	DCNIXONR	Notice Of Lodging Transcript On Appeal	Thomas Walkings03

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Defendant: Tregeagle, Marvie Jean

State of Idaho vs. Marvie Jean Tregeagle

Date	Code	User		Judge
12/4/2015	NOTC	CCNELSRF	Notice of Filing Appeal Transcripts	Gerald Schroeder
1/5/2016	MOTN	TCKEENMM	Motion to Extend Time	Gerald Schroeder
	MISC	TCKEENMM	Declaration in Support of appellant's Motion to Extend Time	Gerald Schroeder
1/8/2016	ORDR	CCNELSRF	Order Extending Time (01/29/16)	Gerald Schroeder
1/28/2016	BREF	TCWRIGSA	Appellant's Brief	Gerald Schroeder
3/22/2016	DEOP	DCLYKEMA	Opinion on Appeal	Gerald Schroeder
4/5/2016	NOTA	TCMALOWR	NOTICE OF APPEAL	Gerald Schroeder
	APSC	TCMALOWR	Appealed To The Supreme Court	Gerald Schroeder

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(If defendant is a minor, a form must also be completed by parent or legal guardian)

CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, Clerk
By MEG KEENAN
DEPUTY

	CASE NO. CR MID 2015
APPLICATION FOR P	
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EMPLOYMENT	
CTC 4618/11	
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Spouse's Wages (Take-home)	\$	Car Payment	\$
Other Household Member Wages	\$	Food	5/00
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Social Security	\$	Transportation	\$
S.S.I. / S.S.D.	\$	Auto Insurance	\$ 96
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Tuesday, March 31, 2015
CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: MEG KEENAN
DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff. vs.) Case No: CR-MD-2015-0004410
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Marvie Jean Tregeagle 6630 Southdale	AND SETTING CASE FOR HEARING
Boise, ID 83709	∫ ☑ Ada □ Boise □ Eagle □ Garden City □ Meridia
Defendant.))
TO: Ada County Public Defender	
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you are appointed to represuntil relieved by court order. The case is continued for:	ent the defendant in this cause, or in the District Court
AC Pretrial ConferenceMonday, N Judge: Thomas Watkins	lay 04, 201508:15 AM
<u>Jury Trial</u> Thursday, May 28, 2015 Judge: Thomas Watkins	08:15 AM
BOND AMOUNT: The Defendant is: In	Custody ☐ Released on Bail ☐ ROR
TO: The above named defendant	
IT HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THIS COURT that the defe Office at 200 W. Front Street, Room 1107, Boise, Idaho 83702. The post bond and obtain his/her release from jail, that the proper authorized Ada County Public Defender.	Telephone: (208) 287-7400. If the defendant is unable to
IT HAS BEEN FURTHER ORDERED: That the parties, p with Rule 16 I.C.R. and THAT THE DEFENDANT BE PERSONA CONFERENCE AND / OR THE JURY TRIAL: FAILURE TO APP THE JURY TRIAL WILL RESULT IN A BENCH WARRANT FOR	ALLY PRESENT AT BOTH THE PRE-TRIAL PEAR AT EITHER THE PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE OR
I hereby certify that copies of this Notice were served as	follows on this date of Tuesday, March 31, 2015.
Defendant: Mailed Hand Delivered	Signature Marce Regge (
Clerk / date 77 / 3/3/	Phone 208 703 45/5
Prosecutor: Interdepartmental Mail Clerk / date/	MN 4/1
Public Defender: Interdepartmental Mail Clerk / date	WW 14/1
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ADA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER Attorneys for Defendant 200 West Front Street, Suite 1107 Boise, Idaho 83702

Telephone: (208) 287-7400 Facsimile: (208) 287-7409

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CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, Clerk By MEG KEENAN DEPUTY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

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Plaintiff

VS.

Case No. CR-MD-2015-0004410

REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY

MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,

Defendant.

TO: THE STATE OF IDAHO, Plaintiff, and to ADA COUNTY PROSECUTOR:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, pursuant to ICR 16, requests discovery and photocopies of the following information, evidence, and materials:

- 1) All **unredacted** material or information within the prosecutor's possession or control, or which thereafter comes into his possession or control, which tends to negate the guilt of the accused or tends to reduce the punishment thereof. ICR 16(a).
- 2) Any unredacted, relevant written or recorded statements made by the defendant, or copies thereof, within the possession, custody or control of the state, the existence of which is known or is available to the prosecuting attorney by the exercise of due diligence; and also the substance of any relevant, oral statement made by the defendant whether before or after arrest to a peace officer, prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's agent; and the recorded testimony of the defendant before a grand jury which relates to the offense charged.
- 3) Any **unredacted**, written or recorded statements of a co-defendant; and the substance of any relevant oral statement made by a co-defendant whether before or after arrest in response to interrogation by any person known by the co-defendant to be a peace office or agent of the prosecuting attorney.
- 4) Any prior criminal record of the defendant and co-defendant, if any.
- 5) All unredacted documents and tangible objects as defined by ICR 16(b)(4) in the possession or control of the prosecutor, which are material to the defense, intended for use by the prosecutor or obtained from or belonging to the defendant or co-defendant.



- 6) All reports of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests or experiments within the possession, control, or knowledge of the prosecutor, the existence of which is known or is available to the prosecutor by the exercise of due diligence.
- 7) A written list of the names, addresses, records of prior felony convictions, and written or recorded statements of all persons having knowledge of facts of the case known to the prosecutor and his agents or any official involved in the investigatory process of the case.
- 8) A written summary or report of any testimony that the state intends to introduce pursuant to rules 702, 703, or 705 of the Idaho Rules of Evidence at trial or hearing; including the witness' opinions, the facts and data for those opinions, and the witness' qualifications.
- 9) All reports or memoranda made by police officers or investigators in connection with the investigation or prosecution of the case, <u>including</u> what are commonly referred to as "ticket notes."
- 10) Any writing or object that may be used to refresh the memory of all persons who may be called as witnesses, pursuant to IRE 612.
- 11) Any and all audio and/or video recordings made by law enforcement officials during the course of their investigation.
- 12) Any evidence, documents, or witnesses that the state discovers or could discover with due diligence after complying with this request.

The undersigned further requests written compliance within 14 days of service of the within instrument.

DATED, Thursday, April 02, 2015.

ERIK J O'DANIEL
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on Thursday, April 02, 2015, I mailed a true and correct copy of the within instrument to:

ADA COUNTY PROSECUTOR
Counsel for the State of Idaho

by placing said same in the Interdepartmental Mail.

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JAN M. BENNETTS

Ada County Prosecuting Attorney

Sean P. Watson

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 200 W. Front Street, Room 3191 Boise, Id. 83702 Telephone: (208) 287-7700

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

THE STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. CR-MD-2015-0004410
vs.) REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY
MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE,)
Defendant.)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, pursuant to Rule 16 of the Idaho Criminal Rules, requests Discovery and inspection of the following:

(1) Documents and Tangible Objects:

Request is hereby made by the prosecution to inspect and copy or photograph books, papers, documents, photographs, tangible objects or copies or portions thereof, which are within the possession, custody or control of the defendant, and which the defendant intends to introduce in evidence at trial.



(2) Reports of Examinations and Tests:

The prosecution hereby requests the defendant to permit the State to inspect and copy or

photograph any results or reports of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests or

experiments made in connection with this case, or copies thereof, within the possession or control of

the defendant, which the defendant intends to introduce in evidence at the trial, or which were

prepared by a witness whom the defendant intends to call at the trial when the results or reports

relate to testimony of the witness.

(3) Defense Witnesses:

The prosecution requests the defendant to furnish the State with a list of names and

addresses of witnesses the defendant intends to call at trial.

(4) Expert Witnesses:

The prosecution requests the defendant to provide a written summary or report of any

testimony that the defense intends to introduce pursuant to Idaho Criminal Rule 16(c)(4), including

the facts and data supporting the opinion and the witness's qualifications.

(5) Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 19-519, the State hereby requests that the defendant

state in writing within ten (10) days any specific place or places at which the defendant claims to

have been at the time of the alleged offense and the names and addresses of the witnesses upon

whom he intends to rely to establish such alibi.

DATED this ______ day of April, 2015.

JAN M. BENNETTS

Ada County Prosecuting Attorney

Sean P. Watson

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ______ day of April, 2015, I caused to be served, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to: Erik O'Daniel, Ada County Public Defender, by the method indicated below:

- By depositing copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, first class.
- □ By depositing copies of the same in the Interdepartmental Mail.
- By hand delivering copies of the same to defense counsel.
- ☐ By informing the office of said individual(s) that said copies were available for pickup at the Office of the Ada County Prosecutor.
- □ By faxing copies of the same to said attorney(s) at the facsimile number: _____

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

THE STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. CR-MD-2015-0004410
VS.)
) DISCOVERY
MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE,) RESPONSE TO COURT
Defendant.)
)

COMES NOW, Sean P. Watson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, in and for the County of Ada, State of Idaho, and informs the Court that the State has complied with the Defendant's Request for Discovery.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this _______ day of April, 2015.

JAN M. BENNETTS

Ada County Prosecuting Attorney

Sean P. Watson

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



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ADA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER Attorneys for Defendant 200 West Front Street, Suite 1107 Boise, Idaho 83702

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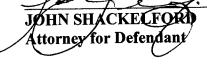
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,) Criminal No. MD 15 4410
Plaintiff,))
vs.) MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME
MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,)
Defendant.) }
	<i>,</i>

COMES NOW, the above-named Defendant, MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE, by and through her Attorney of Record, the Ada County Public Defender's Office, JOHN SHACKELFORD, handling attorney, and hereby moves this Honorable Court for its Order enlarging the time set for filing pre-trial motions. This motion is made pursuant to I.C.R. 12 and is based upon the documents and records on file.

DATED, this _____ day of May, 2015.





CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this ____ day of May, 2015, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing to the:

Ada County Prosecutor

by depositing the same in the Interdepartmental Mail.

Yolanda Smith

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff,) Criminal No. MD 15 4410
vs.) MOTION TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE
MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,)
Defendant.))
)

COMES NOW, the above-named Defendant, MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE, by and through her Attorney of Record, the Ada County Public Defender's Office, JOHN SHACKELFORD, handling attorney, and hereby moves this Honorable Court, pursuant to I.C.R. 12(b)(3), for its Order to suppress all evidence seized in the instant case. In support of this motion, the defendant states as follows:

Memorandum in support to follow.

This motion is made pursuant to the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 17 of the Idaho State Constitution, and I.C.R. 12.

DATED, this $\frac{1}{2}$ day of May, 2015.

JOHN SHACKRIFOR Attorney for Defendant



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff,) Criminal No. MD 15 4410)
VS.	ORDER ENLARGING TIME
MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,)
Defendant.)))

The above entitled matter, having come before this Court, and good cause appearing therefrom;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, AND THIS DOES ORDER, that pursuant to I.C.R. 12, and based upon the documents and records on file, the defendant is granted an additional ______ days in which to file pre-trial motions.

Magistrate

ORDER ENLARGING TIME

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

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STATE OF IDAHO.	CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, Clerk MAGISTRATE MINUTES / NOTICE OF THEARING
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Plaintiff,)	14
vs.	Case Number: (1410) 205 - 4410
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THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

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COMES NOW, the above-named Defendant, Marvie Tregeagle, by and through her Attorney of Record, the Ada County Public Defender, to offer a memorandum of fact and law in support of her previously submitted motion to suppress.

FACTS

The following facts are derived from the police reports of Officer Pickard and Deputy Kindelberger as well as video footage provided in the course of discovery; the Defendant does not stipulate to any given fact.

On March 10, 2015, Marvie Tregeagle was driving southbound on South Five Mile Road in Boise, Idaho, in a white Chevrolet truck. Officer Pickard was traveling directly behind Ms.



Tregeagle's vehicle. Pickard initiated a traffic stop at 1:14 A.M. Pickard's only reason for pulling over the truck was because a trailer ball was obstructing his view of two letters on the rear license plate. Officer video footage shows the license plate securely attached to the bumper, in its designated location. The trailer ball appears to be part of the bumper itself, rather than an aftermarket attachment.

Ms. Tregeagle identified herself with her Idaho driver's license. A passenger traveling with Ms. Tregeagle verbally identified himself as Lucas Francke. During his conversation with the occupants, Pickard could smell the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

Deputy Kindelberger arrived on the scene with his narcotic detection canine at about 1:24 A.M.. Prior to deploying the canine, Kindelberger requested that the two occupants exit the truck. The canine began searching the truck and alerted Kindelberger to a small baggy containing marijuana. Kindelberger returned the canine to the patrol vehicle and Pickard and Kindelberger then continued to search the truck. The officers discovered additional illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia. Admissions were made as to who were responsible for the drugs. Pickard cited and released Tregeagle for possession of marijuana.

ISSUE

Did law enforcement lack reasonable, articulable suspicion that Ms. Tregeagle had recently been engaged in or was about to engage in criminal activity?

AUTHORITIES AND ARGUMENT

The Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 17 of the Idaho Constitution together protect citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures. *State v. Salois*, 144 Idaho 344, 347 (Ct. App. 2007); *State v. Cerino*, 141 Idaho 736,

737 (Ct. App. 2005). The purpose of this legal principle is to "impose a standard of 'reasonableness' upon the exercise of discretion by government officials, including law enforcement agents, to 'safeguard the privacy and security of individuals against arbitrary invasions." *Delaware v. Prouse*, 440 U.S. 648, 653-54 (1979). When a law enforcement officer activates the overhead lights of a patrol vehicle, to signal a stop, a seizure is effectuated. *State v. Mireles*, 133 Idaho 690 (Ct. App. 1999). Any evidence obtained in violation of these constitutional protections must be suppressed in a criminal prosecution of the person whose rights were violated. *State v. Curl*, 125 Idaho 224, 227 (1993); *Wong Sun v. United Stated*, 371 U.S. 471 (1963).

In *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1 (1968), the United States Supreme Court held that when "a police officer observes unusual conduct which leads him reasonably to conclude in light of his experience that criminal activity may be afoot" he may stop the individual to investigate. The officer's conclusion, however, cannot simply be a hunch, but must be "a reasonable articulable suspicion that criminal activity is occurring." *State v. DuValt*, 131 Idaho 550, 553 (1998).

"An investigative detention is constitutionally permissible when based upon reasonable suspicion, derived from specific articulable facts, that the person stopped has committed or is about to commit a crime." *State v. Cutler*, 143 Idaho 297, (Ct. App. 2006) citing *State v. Salato*, 137 Idaho 260, 264, (Ct. App. 2001). The totality of the circumstances must give the officer "a particularized and objective basis for suspecting the particular person stopped of criminal activity." *United States v. Cortez*, 449 U.S. 411, 417-18 (1981). Because a detaining officer must have more than an "inchoate, unparticularized suspicion or 'hunch,'" merely being somewhere that criminal activity is suspected is generally not sufficient, *Brown v. Texas*, 443 U.S. 47 (1979) (internal citations omitted).

"The interpretation of a statutory provision must begin with the literal words of the statute, giving the language its plain, obvious and rational meaning." *Crawford v. Dept. of Correction*, 133 Idaho 633, 635, 991 P.2d 358, 360 (1999) (citing *State v. Watts*, 131 Idaho 782, 963 P.2d 1219 (1998)). If the statute is not ambiguous it must be followed as the law was written. *State v. Schwartz*, 139 Idaho 360, 362, 79 P.3d 719, 721 (2003) (abrogated on other grounds by *Verska v. Saint Alphonsus Reg'l Med. Ctr.*, 151 Idaho 889, 893, 265 P.3d 502, 506 (2011)). Idaho Code section 49-428(2) provides:

Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443(4), Idaho Code

Idaho Code § 49-428(2) plainly describes a list of conditions that must be met to properly display a vehicle's license plate.

Here, Officer Pickard stopped Ms. Tregeagle for an obstructed license plate. An obstruction, or "foreign material," by itself cannot justify a stop under I.C. § 49-428. The "free from foreign material" requirement is found in a list that has been clearly divided into several separate and distinct conditions for the displaying of a license plate. However, there is no comma before the "and" which separates being "maintained free from foreign materials" and "in a condition to be clearly legible." The lack of a comma would indicate that the legislature intended that these conditions be read in whole and not as separate conditions.

According to Officer Pickard's incident report, the sole basis for the traffic stop was

based on the claim that the license plate was obstructed. However, the sole basis for the license

obstruction was a ball hitch mounted on the bumper. The plate was actually readable and free

from foreign material. Officer Pickard therefore lacked reasonable, articulable suspicion that he

was in violation of I.C. § 49-428(2). Lacking sufficient justification to effectuate a seizure,

Officer Pickard illegally detained Ms. Tregeagle, in violation of her constitutional rights.

CONCLUSION

Officer Pickard seized Ms. Tregeagle because the vehicle she was driving had a license

plate that was "obstructed" by a ball hitch. But a ball hitch is not illegal under I.C. § 49-428(2).

Therefore it was an improper seizure. Due to the impropriety of the officer's actions, it is

asserted that all direct and indirect fruits of the stop, including statements and any other evidence

gathered, should be suppressed as fruit of the poisonous tree, or, in the alternative, this case

should be dismissed. Wong Sun v. United States, 371 U.S. 471 (1963). This Motion is based

upon the entire record in this matter and such further documentary and testimonial evidence as

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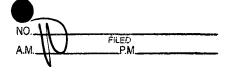
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memorandum of law in support of this Motion, as may be appropriate and necessary.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of May 2015.

John K. Shackelford

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

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THE STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. CR-MD-2015-0004410
vs.) STATE'S MEMORANDUM IN
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MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,) DEFENDANT'S MOTION) TO SUPPRESS
Defendant.)
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COMES NOW, the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney, through Sean P. Watson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Ada County, State of Idaho, and hereby objects to the Defendant's Motion to Suppress and requests that this Court DENY Defendant's motion.

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On March 10, 2015, at approximately 0114 hours, Ada County Sheriff's Deputy James Pickard stopped a Chevrolet truck at or near the intersection of S. Five Mile Road and W. La Grange Street in Boise, Idaho. Deputy Pickard explained to the driver of the truck, the Defendant Marvie Tregeagle, that the reason for the stop was that the truck's tow hitch/ball obstructed the vehicle's rear license plate. Because Deputy Pickard could smell the odor of marijuana coming

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from the vehicle, he inquired with the defendant concerning the presence of any illegal substances in the vehicle. The defendant initially denied any such substances were present, but prior to Deputy Pickard deploying a drug detection K-9 around the vehicle, the defendant admitted to a small amount of marijuana in the car. This contraband was eventually located and the defendant was cited for possession of a controlled substance.

II. LEGAL STANDARD

In Idaho, "[a] traffic stop by a law enforcement officer constitutes a seizure of the vehicle's occupants which implicates the Fourth Amendment's guarantee of freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures, as applied to the states by the Fourteenth Amendment." *State v. Atkinson*, 128 Idaho 559, 561, 916 P.2d 1284, 1286 (Ct. App. 1996) (citations omitted). "When a defendant challenges the validity of a vehicle stop, the burden is on the state to prove that the stop was justified." *State v. Martin*, 148 Idaho 31, 37, 218 P.3d 10, 16 (Ct. App. 2009). For an investigative traffic stop to be consistent with the Fourth Amendment, it "must be supported by reasonable and articulable suspicion that the vehicle is being driven contrary to traffic laws . . ." *Atkinson*, 128 Idaho at 561, 916 P.2d at 1286 (quoting *State v. Naccarato*, 126 Idaho 10, 12, 878 P.2d 184, 186 (Ct. App. 1994)). The Idaho Supreme Court expounded that "[r]easonable suspicion must be based on specific, articulable facts and the rational inferences that can be drawn from those facts." *State v. Bishop*, 146 Idaho 804, 811, 203 P.3d 1203, 1210 (2009). Further, "[a]n officer may draw reasonable inferences from the facts in his or her possession, and those inferences may be drawn from the officer's experience and law enforcement training." *State v. Swindle*, 148 Idaho 61, 64, 218 P.3d 790, 793 (Ct. App. 2009).

"The reasonableness of the suspicion must be evaluated upon the totality of the circumstances at the time of the stop." *Atkinson*, 128 Idaho at 561, 916 P.2d at 1286 (citation omitted). "This reasonable suspicion standard requires less than probable cause, but more than speculation or instinct on the part of an officer." *Id.* "Suspicion will not be found to be justified if the conduct observed by the officer fell 'within the broad range of what can be described as normal driving behavior." *Id.* (citing *State v. Emory*, 119 Idaho 661, 809 P.2d 522 (Ct. App. 1991)).

"At a suppression hearing, the power to assess the credibility of witnesses, resolve factual conflicts, weigh evidence, and draw factual inferences is vested in the trial court." *State v. Veneroso*, 138 Idaho 925, 928, 71 P.3d 1072, 1075 (Ct. App. 2003).

A. The evidence obtained from the stop should not be suppressed because the investigative stop was supported by reasonable and articulable suspicion that the Defendant was driving the Chevrolet in violation of Idaho Code § 49-428(2).

As summarized by the Idaho Court of Appeals, "Idaho law requires that a motor vehicle be registered and display license plates when being operated on the highways of this state, subject to certain exceptions." *State v. Salois*, 144 Idaho 344, 348, 160 P.3d 1279, 1283 (Ct. App. 2007) (citing I.C. § 49-456(1)). Idaho Code § 49-456(1) provides in pertinent part:

It shall be unlawful for any person: (1) To operate or for the owner to permit the operation upon a highway of any motor vehicle . . . which is not registered and which does not have attached and displayed the license plates assigned to it for the current registration year. . .

Idaho Code § 49-428(2) provides the following requirements for displaying license plates:

Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to the license plates . . .

(Emphasis added).

The Idaho Court of Appeals in *State v. Martin* addressed the requirements listed under Idaho Code § 49-428(2) and set forth the following principles of statutory interpretation and construction:

When called upon to interpret a statute, we begin with an examination of its literal words. The statutory language is to be given its plain, obvious, and rational meaning. A statute is to be construed as a whole without separating one provision from another. In attempting to discern and implement the intent of the legislature, a court may seek edification from the statute's legislative history and contemporaneous context at enactment. However, if the statutory language is clear and unambiguous, a court need merely apply the statute without engaging in any statutory construction.

148 Idaho 31, 36, 218 P.3d 10, 15 (Ct. App. 2009) (internal citations omitted). In *Martin*, the district court considered whether Idaho Code § 49-428(2) was "void for vagueness" and concluded, in part, "[t]he language of section 49-428 clearly conveys the legislative purpose that all license plates shall be securely fastened, clearly visible, and clearly legible." *Id.* at 35, 218 P.3d at 14. The Idaho Court of Appeals agreed "with the district court that the language of the statute defines criminal conduct with sufficient clarity and definiteness that ordinary people can understand what conduct is prohibited and that it is worded in a manner that does not allow arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement." *Id.*

The facts of this case fit squarely under the plain requirements of Idaho Code § 49-428(2); specifically, that all license plates be clearly visible and clearly legible. The plain ordinary meaning of the word "visible" is capable of being seen and the plain ordinary meaning of the word "legible" is capable of being read. It is undisputed there was a license plate secured to the rear of the Defendant's vehicle prior to and at the time of the stop. It is also undisputed there was a tow hitch/ball that was situated in front of the license plate. Deputy Pickard will testify that he could neither see nor read the entire license plate as a result of the tow hitch/ball obstructing the plate, and until he exited his patrol vehicle to effectuate the traffic stop, he could not read the whole plate. The State will also admit on-body video of the stop, which video will support this testimony. Thus, the license plate was not clearly visible nor clearly legible and was thus not in compliance with Idaho Code § 49-428(2).

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the State requests that this Court enter an Order denying Defendant's motion to suppress.

DATED this 2^{NJ} day of June, 2015.

JAN M. BENNETTS
Ada County Prosecuting Attorney

Sean P. Watson

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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COMES NOW, Sean P. Watson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, in and for the County of Ada, State of Idaho, and John Shackelford, Attorney for Defendant, and stipulate to continue the Motion to Suppress Hearing in this matter on the 9th of June, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. to a suitable time for Court and Counsel for the following reason: the State's witness is unavailable on the aforementioned date. The State requests the hearing date be set after the 25th of June, 2015.

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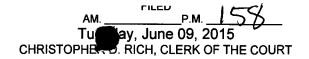
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INTRODUCTION

This matter came before the court on defendant Tregeagle's motion to suppress evidence obtained after his vehicle was stopped for an alleged obstructed license plate. The court heard testimony from witnesses and arguments from counsel, and the case was taken under advisement.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

The facts in this case aren't in dispute. On March 10, 2015, at approximately 1:15 a.m., Dep. Pickard of the Ada County Sheriff's Office was on patrol on a two-lane highway. His

patrol vehicle was a Chevy Tahoe, an SUV-type truck. At some point, he got behind Tregeagle's vehicle, a GMC pickup. The pickup is equipped with a trailer hitch. Dep. Pickard testified that when looking at the license plate, he was not able to read the center two digits of the license plate because the trailer hitch obstructed his view. He further testified that he was travelling at 35 mph, and at that speed, he could not safely maneuver his patrol vehicle in a way that would allow him to read the center digits. Based on his inability to read the license plate, Dep. Pickard chose to stop Tregeagle's truck. Once the truck was stopped, Dep. Pickard was able to walk up to the truck and at this point, from a distance of about ten feet, read the plate in its entirety. Dep. Pickard testified that the license plate itself had no foreign matter attached to it, and that it was properly affixed to the bumper. His sole reason for making the traffic stop was that the trailer hitch obstructed his full view of the license plate. After the traffic stop was made, a controlled substance was later found.

ANALYSIS

Tregeagle argues that any evidence obtained as a result of the traffic stop must be suppressed since the deputy lacked any lawful basis upon which to make the stop. In support of this, Tregeagle directs the court to the body-cam recording of the incident wherein the license plate on his truck is visible and legible. The state claims that the stop was lawful.

Under the Fourth Amendment, an officer may stop a vehicle to investigate possible criminal behavior if there is a reasonable and articulable suspicion that the vehicle is being driven contrary to traffic laws. <u>United States v. Cortez</u>, 449 U.S. 411, 417, 101 S.Ct. 690, 694-95, 66 L.Ed.2d 621, 628-29, (1981); <u>State v. Flowers</u>, 131 Idaho 205, 208, 953 P.2d 645, 648 (Ct.App. 1998). The reasonableness of the suspicion must be evaluated upon the totality of the circumstances at the time of the stop. <u>State v. Ferreira</u>, 133 Idaho 474, 483, 988 P.2d 700,

709 (Ct.App. 1999). The reasonable suspicion standard requires less than probable cause but more than mere speculation or instinct on the part of the officer. *Id.* An officer may draw reasonable inferences from the facts in his or her possession, and those inferences may be drawn from the officer's experience and law enforcement training. State v. Montague, 114 Idaho 319, 321, 756 P.2d 1083, 1085 (Ct.App. 1988). Suspicion will not be found to be justified if the conduct observed by the officer fell within the broad range of what can be described as normal driving behavior. Atkinson, 128 Idaho at 561, 916 P.2d at 1286. The commission of a traffic offense gives law enforcement the legal cause to stop a vehicle. State v. Schmidt, 121 Idaho 381, 383, 825 P.2d 104, 106 (Ct.App.1992).

The state argues that Dep. Pickard had a lawful basis upon which to make the traffic stop because he witnessed a violation of Idaho Code Section 49-428, which governs the display of license plates. Idaho Code Section 49-428(2) provides:

Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443(4), Idaho Code.

Tregeagle argues that this code section simply makes it unlawful to have some kind of foreign substance or material on the license plate itself which renders the plate illegible. And since the evidence is clear that the plate was properly secured and free from any foreign material, the officer erred in relying on this statute to justify the stop.

No appellate court in Idaho has ruled on this issue, but other states have weighed in. In <u>Harris v. State</u>, 11 So. 3d 462 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2009), two law enforcement officers were behind Harris in separate vehicles and both officers attempted to obtain the tag number from

Harris's vehicle. The officers testified that a trailer hitch partially blocked the tag and they could not read the tag from a distance of about thirty to fifty feet. After the stop was made, marijuana and cocaine were found in the vehicle. The Florida court reversed the trial court's failure to suppress evidence, holding that the statute involved prohibited a license plate <u>itself</u> from having foreign matter or debris on it which obstructed the view from 100 feet.

Similarly, the Michigan Court of Appeals rejected a traffic stop where the officer testified that a trailer hitch obstructed his view of the license plate and he was unable to determine whether a middle digit was a five or a six. People v. Dunbar, Docket No. 314877, (Decided September 9, 2014). The court explained that there was no evidence that the license plate on Dunbar's truck was not maintained free from foreign material, nor was there any evidence that the plate was dirty, rusted, defaced, or any other way not maintained in a legible manner.

However, both the Florida and Michigan statutes have important and significant textual differences from I.C. Section 49-428(2). The Florida statute provides that "all letters, numerals, printing, writing, and other identifying marks upon the plates regarding the word 'Florida,' the registration decal, and the alphanumeric designation should be clear and distinct and free from defacement, mutilation, grease, and other obscuring matter, so that they will be plainly visible and legible at all times 100 feet from the rear or front." Here, it is clear that the legislative intent was to make sure the plate itself contained nothing to obscure its legibility. Likewise, the Michigan statute requires that a vehicle's license "plate shall be maintained free from foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure the registration information and in a clearly legible condition." Once again, this legislation is directed at the actual license plate and any obstruction directly upon it.

Other states have upheld traffic stops based upon an obstructing trailer hitch. The New Mexico Court of Appeals held that a traffic stop based upon the officer's inability to see the registration sticker because of a trailer hitch was proper, despite the defendant's insistence that the statute required the plate itself to be obstructed. State v. Hill, 131 N.M. 189, 34 P.3d 139 (Ct. App. 2001). The statute at issue required that the registration plate be "in a place and position so as to be clearly visible, and it shall be maintained free from foreign material and in a condition to be clearly legible." The court explained that the registration plate contained not only the plate itself, but also any tabs or renewal stickers, and that legibility and visibility of the entire plate had to be maintained. A can be seen, the New Mexico stature has two separate requirements: that the plate be in "a place and position so as to be clearly visible," and; "maintained free from foreign material and in a condition to be clearly legible."

Wyoming reached a similar result in <u>Parks v. State</u>, 247 P.3d 857 (2011). There, a law enforcement officer observed an older model Chevy pickup driven by Parks. A trailer hitch ball was mounted in a pre-drilled hole in the truck's factory bumper so that the license plate was partially obstructed. Due to the obstruction, the officer was unable to read the license plate, and so he stopped Parks' truck. Once he approached the truck, the officer was able to read the plate. After a discussion with Parks, marijuana was found in the vehicle.

Parks moved to suppress the evidence, claiming the officer had no lawful basis for the stop. When the district court denied the motion, he entered a conditional plea and appealed. The Wyoming Supreme Court began its decision with a review of the applicable statute, which provided, in pertinent part:

License plates for vehicles shall be:

(i) Conspicuously displayed and securely fastened to be plainly visible:

- (ii) Secured to prevent swinging;
- (iii) Attached in a horizontal position no less that twelve (12) inches from the ground;
- (iv) Maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.

The court explained that the requirements that a license plate be "plainly visible" and "clearly legible" indicate that a license plate must not be obstructed in any manner. License plates need to be easily read in order to facilitate law enforcement and ordinary citizens in reporting and investigating hit-and-run accidents, traffic violations, gas-pump drive offs, and other criminal activity. The plain language and the purpose of the statute indicate that a trailer ball mounted in a place that causes it to partially obstruct a license plate from view is a violation of Wyoming law. The court also rejected Parks argument that since the license plate was legible from certain angles that he was not in violation of the statute. At the suppression hearing, the officer testified that he typically calls in a license plate to the police dispatcher before activating his overhead lights to stop a suspect vehicle. In this instance, however, he was unable to follow his normal procedure because he could not read the license plate. He called in the license plate number after stopping Parks and exiting his patrol vehicle to read the plate. In citing a case from Ohio, the court found that middle numbers of a license plate are not in "plain view" if obstructed by a ball hitch even though readable from the side of the vehicle. See, State v. Small, (Ohio Ct. App., Sept. 27, 2000).

I.C. Section 49-428(2) is similar to the statues in New Mexico and Wyoming. A plain reading of the statute reveals two-part restriction: 1) that the license be in a place and position as to be clearly visible, and 2); be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly visible. The first requirement refers to its **visibility**, and the second as to its **legibility**.

Here, there is ample evidence to support the deputy's claim that the license plate was not clearly visible because of the hitch. Dep. Pickard testified that it was his habit to call in the license plate of a suspect vehicle that he planned to stop, but was not able to do so in this case because he could not read the plate. The state produced the dispatch logs in support of this. It was only after the traffic stop had been conducted that the deputy was able to read the license plate. As the Wyoming Supreme Court explained, "[w]e agree with the majority of jurisdictions that have considered this issue and determined that a trailer ball positioned so as to partially obstruct a license plate constitutes a violation of the respective license plate display statute." This court concurs and finds that the traffic stop in this case was justified based on a violation of Idaho Code Section 49-428(2).

DATED This 20th day of August, 2015.

THOMAŚ P. WATKIN

Magistrate Judge

BY: <u>Heidi Bell</u> Deputy Clerk

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

200 W. Front Street, Boise Idaho 83702

STATE OF IDAH	•)
Vs.	aintiff.)
vs.) Case No: CR-MD-2015-0004410
Marvie Jean Tregeagle 6630 Southdale Boise, ID 83709		NOTICE OF HEARING
	fendant.	_)
NOTICE IS HERI	EBY GIVEN that the above-entitled case	is hereby set for:
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

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COME NOW, the above-named parties, by and through undersigned counsel, to move this Court, pursuant to I.C.R. 11(a)(2), to allow Defendant to enter a conditional plea of guilty in the above-entitled matter, while reserving the right to appeal this Court's adverse ruling on Defendant's Motion to Suppress. If Defendant prevails on appeal, Defendant shall be allowed to withdraw her plea of "guilty."

Respectfully submitted this <u>13</u> day of October 2015.

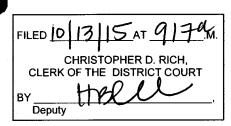
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DOB _ SSN XXX-XX	☐ Interpreter present
CHARGE(s): PROBATION VIOLATION CONTE	MPT POTHER POSSESSION 37-2732(C)
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. <u>Cluid 2015-4410</u>
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Defendant.)
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one appointed if I cannot afford one.	a reasonable doubt.
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To have a jury trial or court trial.	To personally address the court prior to sentencing.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)
) Criminal No. CRMD 2015-4410
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.) MOTION FOR STAY OF EXECUTION
) OF SENTENCE PENDING APPEAL
MARVIE TREGEAGLE,)
)
Defendant.)
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COMES NOW, the above-named Defendant, Marvie Tregeagle, by and through her Attorney of Record, the Ada County Public Defender, John Shackelford, handling attorney, and hereby moves this Honorable Court for its Order staying the execution of the sentence pending appeal in the instant case pursuant to I.C.R. 54.5 (a).

DATED, this **17** day of October, 2015.

Jenn R. Shackellord
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 131 day of October, 2015, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing to the:

Ada County Prosecutor

by depositing the same in the Interdepartmental Mail.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)	
Plaintiff-Respondent,)	Case No. CR-MD-2015-4410
vs.)	NOTICE OF APPEAL
MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,)	
Defendant-Appellant.)	
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TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, THE STATE OF IDAHO, BY AND THROUGH THE ADA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Defendant-Appellant, Marvie Tregeagle, appeals against the State of Idaho to the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho, from the Judgment of Conviction entered on the 13th day of October 2015 following Ms. Tregeagle's conditional guilty plea.

- a. Title of the Action: State v. Tregeagle
- b. Title of Court that heard Proceedings Appealed from and Presiding Magistrate: Magistrate Division of the Fourth Judicial District Court, State of Idaho, the Honorable Judge Watkins presiding.
- c. Case Number: CR-MD-2015-0004410
- d. Court to Which Appeal Taken: District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho.



- e. **Date and Heading of Judgment, Decision, or Order from Which Appeal is Taken:** Judgment of Conviction, entered October 13, 2013 and Memorandum Opinion on Motion to Suppress, issued August 21, 2015.
- f. Statement as to Whether Appeal is Taken Upon Matters of Law, or Upon Matters of Fact, or Both:
 - 1. Appeal is taken upon all matters of law.
 - 2. The Defendant-Appellant anticipates raising issues including but not limited to: Did the magistrate court err in denying the defendant's motion to suppress?
- g. Statement as to Whether the Testimony and Proceedings in the Original Trial or Hearing Were Recorded or Reported; Identification of Method of Recording or Reporting; Transcript Request:
 - 1. The proceedings in the hearing on Defendant's Motion to Suppress were recorded through the magistrate court's courtroom audio recording mechanism.
 - 2. The audio recording is in the possession of the Transcript Coordinator of the Fourth Judicial District Court, State of Idaho.
 - 3. The Defendant-Appellant requests the following transcript: Transcript from the hearing on Defendant's Motion to Suppress, held on July 20, 2015.
- h. **Certification:** I certify the following:
 - 1. That a copy of this Notice of Appeal has been served on the reporter through the Clerk of the Court through Interdepartmental Mail.
 - 2. That a copy of this Notice of Appeal has been served on the opposing party through Interdepartmental Mail.
 - 3. That the Defendant-Appellant is exempt from paying the estimated transcript fee because she is an indigent person and is unable to pay said fee.
 - 4. That the Defendant-Appellant is exempt from paying the estimated fee for preparation of the record because she is an indigent person and is unable to pay said fee.
 - 5. That the Defendant-Appellant is exempt from paying the appellant filing fee becauses he is indigent and is unable to pay said fee.
- i. **Jurisdiction**: That the Defendant-Appellant may appeal to the District Court, and the judgment described above is appealable under and pursuant to Idaho Criminal Rule 54.1(a).

DATED this **/ 7** day of October, 2015.

onn R. Snackenford) ttorney for Defendant-Appellant

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

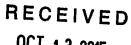
I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 131 day of October, 2015, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing to the:

1) Ada County Prosecuting Attorney, and

2) Clerk of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho

by depositing the same in the Interdepartmental Mail.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)	
)	Criminal No. CRMD 2015-4410
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	ORDER STAYING EXECUTION OF
)	SENTENCE PENDING APPEAL
MARVIE TREGEAGLE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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The above entitled matter, having come before this Court, and good cause appearing therefrom;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, AND THIS DOES ORDER, that the execution of sentence is stayed pending appeal.

DATED, this _/4 day of _______, 2015.

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CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, Clerk By RAE ANN NIXON DEPUTY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)
Plaintiff/Respondent,))
VS.) Case No. CRMD-2015-0004410
MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE,) NOTICE OF PREPARATION) OF APPEAL TRANSCRIPT
Defendant/Appellant,))

A Notice of Appeal was filed in the above-entitled matter on October 13, 2014 and a copy of said Notice was received by the Transcription Department on **October 19, 2014**. I certify the estimated cost of preparation of the appeal transcript to be:

Type of Hearing: Appeal

Date of Hearing: July 20, 2015 Judge: Thomas Watkins

34 Pages x \$3.25 = \$110.50

Pursuant to <u>Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure</u>, <u>Rule 83(k)(1)</u>, the appellant must, unless otherwise ordered by a District Judge, pay the estimated fee for the preparation of the transcript within fourteen (14) days after the filing of the Notice of Appeal, and the appellant shall pay the balance of the fee, if any, for the transcript upon completion.

In this case, the Ada County Public Defender has agreed to pay for the cost of the transcript fee upon completion of the transcript.

The Transcription Department will prepare the transcript and file it with the Clerk of the District Court within thirty-five (35) days from the date of this notice. The transcriber may make

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF APPEAL TRANSCRIPT - Page 1

application to the District Judge for an extension of time in which to prepare the transcript.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2015.

RAE ANN NIXON

Ada County Transcript Coordinator

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this 20th day of October, 2015, a true and correct copy of the <u>Notice of Preparation of Appeal Transcript</u> was forwarded to Appellant or Appellant's attorney of record, by first class mail, at:

Ada County Public Defender 200 West Front Street Ste 1107 Boise, ID 83702 JON SHACKELFORD

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DEPUTY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff/Respondent,

VS.

MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,

Defendant/Appellant.

Case No. CR-MD-15-4110

ORDER GOVERNING PROCEDURE
ON APPEAL

Notice of Appeal having been filed herein, and it appearing that a transcript of all the testimony of the original trial or hearing has been ordered and the estimated cost of said transcript having already been paid **OR** Ada County having agreed to pay the costs of said transcript upon completion;

It is ORDERED:

- 1) That Appellant's brief shall be filed and served within 35 days of the filing of the transcript.
- 2) That Respondent's brief shall be filed and served within 28 days after service of appellant's brief.
- 3) That Appellant's reply brief, if any, shall be filed and served within 21 days after service of respondent's brief.



4) That either party may notice the matter for oral argument in writing after all briefs are filed, and that if within fourteen (14) days after the final brief is filed, neither party does so notice for oral argument, the Court may deem oral argument waived and decide the case on the briefs and the record.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2015.

GERALD F. SCHROEDER

Senior District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 21st day of October, 2015, I mailed (served) a true and correct copy of the within instrument to:

ADA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER VIA: INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAIL

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VIA: INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAIL

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THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff/Respondent,

VS.

MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE,

Defendant/^.

Case No. CR-MD-15-4410

AMENDED ORDER GOVERNING PROCEDURE ON APPEAL

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Dated this 29th day of October, 2015.

GÉRALD F. SCHROEDER

Senior District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 29th day of October, 2015, I mailed (served) a true and correct copy of the within instrument to:

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THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,)	
Plaintiff/Respondent,)	Case No. CRMD-2015-04410
vs.)	NOTICE OF LODGING APPEAL TRANSCRIPT
MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE)	APPEAL TRANSCRIPT
Defendant/Appellant.)	

To: SCOTT WATSON

Attorney for Respondent.

To: JON SHACKELFORD,

Appearing Appellant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a transcript of the proceeding in this action was lodged with the Court on **November 10, 2015.**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you may pick up a copy of said transcript at the District Clerk's Office, Ada County Courthouse, 200 West Front Street, Boise, ID 83702. Unless objections to the content of the transcript are received within twenty-one (21) days from the date of mailing of this notice, such transcript shall be deemed settled. Date this 10th day of November, 2015.

RAE ANN NIXON

Deputy Clerk of the District Court

I hereby certify that on this 10th day of November, 2015, a true and correct copy of the Notice of Lodging was sent via US Mail to:

ADA CO. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY 200 W. FRONT ST. STE. 3191 BOISE, ID 83702 SCOTT WATSON

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff/Respondent

Case No. CR-MD-15-4410

NOTICE OF FILING TRANSCRIPT ON APPEAL

MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE,

Defendant/Appellant

Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 83(p), the transcript of the proceedings dated July 20, 2015, is now filed. Dated this 4th day of December, 2015.

CHRISTOPHER D. RICH Clerk of the Destrict Court

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I hereby certify that on this 4th day of December, 2015, I mailed (served) a true and correct copy of the within instrument to:

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STATE OF IDAHO,)
) Case No. CRMD 2015-4410
Plaintiff/Respondent,)
vs.) MOTION TO EXTEND TIME
)
MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE,)
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Defendant/Appellant.)
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COMES NOW, Marvie Tregeagle, the above-named Appellant, to move this Honorable Court, pursuant to I.A.R. 34, for an order extending the time for filing a brief in support of Appellant's appeal. Please see the declaration of counsel filed herewith in support of this motion.

Respectfully submitted, this day of January, 2016.

JOHN R. SHACKELFORD Attorney for Appellant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this _____ day of January, 2016, I sent a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Extend time and attached Declaration of Counsel to:

Sean Watson, Deputy Ada County Prosecutor, by Interdepartmental Mail.

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- I am appointed counsel for the Appellant, Marvie Tregeagle.
- 3. I believe Appellant's brief is due by Friday, January 8th, 2016.
- 4. There have been no extensions of time previously granted.
- 5. An extension is necessary to safeguard Appellant's right to effective assistance of counsel on appeal. I have not had the opportunity to fully research the issues presented in this appeal.

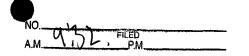


- 6. No more than 21 additional days would be required to finish and file Appellant's brief, which would then become due on Friday, January 29, 2016.
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Respectfully submitted, this day of January, 2016.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On March 10, 2015, Marvie Tregeagle was driving southbound on South Five Mile Road in Boise, Idaho, in her white Chevrolet truck. Officer Pickard of the Ada County Sheriff's Office was traveling directly behind Ms. Tregeagle's vehicle. Officer Pickard initiated a traffic stop because a trailer ball was obstructing his view of two letters on the rear license plate. The license plate was securely attached to the bumper in its designated location. The trailer ball appears to be part of the bumper itself, rather than an aftermarket attachment.

Illegal contraband was discovered in the vehicle, and Ms. Tregeagle was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Ms. Tregeagle entered a conditional guilty plea to the charge to appeal the magistrate's denial of her motion to suppress.

ISSUE

Did the court err in finding that the traffic stop was justified based solely on a violation of Idaho Code Section 49-428(2) where the vehicle's rear license plate was in a position to be clearly visible and in a condition to be clearly legible?

STANDARD OF REVIEW

The standard of review of a suppression motion is bifurcated. When a decision on a motion to suppress is challenged, we accept the trial court's findings of fact which are supported by substantial evidence, but we freely review the application of constitutional principles to the facts as found. At a suppression hearing, the power to assess the credibility of witnesses, resolve factual conflicts, weigh evidence, and draw factual inferences is vested in the trial court.

State v. Roe, 140 Idaho 176, 179, 90 P.3d 926, 929 (Ct. App. 2004) (citations omitted).

AUTHORITIES AND ARGUMENT

The Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 17 of the Idaho Constitution together protect citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures. *State v. Salois*, 144 Idaho 344, 347 (Ct. App. 2007); *State v. Cerino*, 141 Idaho 736, 737 (Ct. App. 2005). The purpose of this legal principle is to "impose a standard of reasonableness" upon the exercise of discretion by government officials, including law enforcement agents, to 'safeguard the privacy and security of individuals against arbitrary invasions." *Delaware v. Prouse*, 440 U.S. 648, 653-54 (1979). When a law enforcement officer activates the overhead lights of a patrol vehicle, to signal a stop, a seizure is effectuated. *State v. Mireles*, 133 Idaho 690 (Ct. App. 1999). Any evidence obtained in violation of these constitutional protections must be suppressed in a criminal prosecution of the person whose rights were violated. *See, e.g., State v. Curl*, 125 Idaho 224, 227 (1993); *Wong Sun v. United States*, 371 U.S. 471 (1963).

"An investigative detention is constitutionally permissible when based upon reasonable suspicion, derived from specific articulable facts, that the person stopped has committed or is about to commit a crime." *State v. Cutler*, 143 Idaho 297, (Ct. App. 2006) citing *State v. Salato*, 137 Idaho 260, 264, (Ct. App. 2001). The totality of the circumstances must give the officer "a particularized and objective basis for suspecting the particular person stopped of criminal activity." *United States v. Cortez*, 449 U.S. 411, 417-18 (1981).

A. Ms. Tregeagle's trailer ball hitch does not violate the plain language of I.C. § 49-428(2).

"The interpretation of a statutory provision must begin with the literal words of the statute, giving the language its plain, obvious and rational meaning." *Crawford v. Dept. of Correction*, 133 Idaho 633, 635, 991 P.2d 358, 360 (1999) citing *State v. Watts*, 131 Idaho 782, 963 P.2d 1219 (1998). If the statute is not ambiguous it must be followed as the law was written. *State v. Schwartz*, 139 Idaho 360, 362, 79 P.3d 719, 721 (2003) (abrogated on other grounds by *Verska v. Saint Alphonsus Reg'l Med. Ctr.*, 151 Idaho 889, 893, 265 P.3d 502, 506 (2011)). Idaho Code section 49-428(2) provides, in pertinent part:

Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible

Idaho Code § 49-428(2) plainly describes a list of conditions that must be met to properly display a vehicle's license plate. As to other items attached to the vehicle, I.C. § 49-428(2) is absolutely silent.

According to Officer Pickard, the sole basis for the traffic stop was based on the claim that the rear license plate was obstructed. Officer Pickard testified that the rear license plate was free from foreign material, securely attached, and placed in its designated position. (11/10/2015 Tr. p.12, Ls.3-18.) He also testified that he could read the entire plate from approximately ten feet away (*Id.* p.13, Ls.12-16) and that if he had been driving a taller vehicle, it's possible he could have read the entire plate from his own vehicle. (*Id.* p.12, Ls. 21-25.) State's Exhibit 1 shows that the trailer ball was not an after-market attachment or suspicious in its size or placement. The evidence does not show, therefore, that Ms. Tregeagle's trailer ball violates the

plain language I.C. § 49-428(2). For this reason, the court erred in finding the stop was justified based on a violation of I.C. § 49-428(2).

B. <u>Seizing Ms. Tregeagle violated her right to be free from unreasonable seizures under Art. I, Sec. 17 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho.</u>

Idaho courts are "free to interpret our state constitution as more protective of the rights of Idaho citizens than the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of the federal constitution." *State v. Guzman*, 122 Idaho 981, 987, 842 P.2d 660, 666 (1992). In Idaho, suspicion is not justified "if the conduct observed by the officer fell within the broad range of what can be described as normal driving behavior." *State v. Roe*, 140 Idaho 176, 180, 90 P.3d 926, 930 (Ct. App. 2004) (citation omitted). Officer Pickard testified that he has seen other attachments, such as bike racks and trailers obstructing the rear license plate on vehicles, but that he sometimes chooses not to detain those vehicles and their drivers. (11/10/2015 Tr. p.14, Ls. 2-19.) This testimony suggests two scenarios: (1) that Officer Pickard arbitrarily enforces his understanding of I.C. § 49-428(2) or (2) that he knows that having items attached to the back of a vehicle is normal and not indicative of criminal behavior. In either scenario, seizing Ms. Tregeagle was clearly unreasonable under Idaho law.

Idahoans use trailers and, by necessity, trailer ball hitches for commerce and recreation on a daily basis. *See*, *State v. Pruss*, 145 Idaho 623, 627, 181 P.3d 1231, 1235 (2008) ("Utilizing public lands for outdoor recreational activities is a longstanding custom in this State that is recognized as valuable to society.") Rear license plates are regularly "obstructed" as the State understands it, by bike racks, wheelchair racks, horse trailers, utility trailers, and recreational vehicles. Officer Pickard admitted that such a trailer would be obstructing, in his view, the plate of the vehicle towing it. (11/10/2015 Tr. p.15, Ls. 16-21.) It seems to be the State's position that

pulling a trailer in Idaho is illegal unless the driver of the towing vehicle removes the rear license plate and attaches it to the towed vehicle. Such conduct would likely be illegal however, and valid grounds for law enforcement to detain the vehicle. *See*, *State v. Geissler*, 134 Idaho 902, 905, 11 P.3d 1120, 1123 (Ct. App. 2000) (officer reasonably investigated violation of I.C. § 49-456(2) where license plates registered to a passenger car were found on a pickup truck). In short, the law and history of the State of Idaho support the conclusion that Officer Pickard lacked reasonable, articulable suspicion to seize Ms. Tregeagle.

CONCLUSION

Officer Pickard seized Ms. Tregeagle because the vehicle she was driving had a license plate that was "obstructed" by a ball hitch. But a ball hitch is not clearly illegal under I.C. § 49-428(2). Moreover, because "obstructed" rear license plates are so common in Idaho, a simple trailer ball hitch cannot create a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity. For these reasons, Ms. Tregeagle's right to be free from unreasonable seizure under the United States and Idaho constitutions was violated. The magistrate court therefore erred in denying Mr. Tregeagle's motion to suppress. Ms. Tregeagle respectfully requests this court to reverse the finding of the magistrate and vacate the judgment of conviction. Oral argument is also requested.

Respectfully submitted this 28¹ day of January 2016.

John R. Shackelford Deputy Public Defender

Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing "Appellant's Brief" was served on Sean Watson, Deputy Ada County Prosecutor by Interdepartmental mail on January 28th, 2016.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO. IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

VS.

MARVIE J. TREGEAGLE,

Defendant-Appellant.

Case No. CR-MD-2015-0004410

OPINION ON APPEAL

ATTORNEY FOR THE APPELLANT: JOHN R. SHACKELFORD

ATTORNEY FOR THE RESPONDENT: SEAN WATSON

Marvie J. Tregeagle appeals from the decision of the magistrate denying her motion to suppress. Following the denial of her suppression motion, Ms. Tregeagle entered a guilty plea to Possession of Marijuana, conditioned on her ability to appeal the denial of her motion to suppress. Both parties have waived oral argument.

FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The following is taken from the magistrate's decision:

The facts in this case aren't in dispute. On March 10, 2015, at approximately 1:15 a.m., Dep. Pickard of the Ada County Sheriff's Office was on patrol on a two-lane highway. His patrol vehicle was a Chevy Tahoe, an SUV-type truck. At some point, he got behind Tregeagle's vehicle, a GMC pickup. The pickup is equipped with a trailer hitch. Dep. Pickard testified that when looking at the license plate, he was not able to read the center two digits of the license plate because the trailer hitch obstructed his view. He further testified that he was travelling at 35 mph,



and at that speed, he could not safely maneuver his patrol vehicle in a way that would allow him to read the center digits. Based on his inability to read the license plate, Dep. Pickard chose to stop Tregeagle's truck. Once the truck was stopped, Dep. Pickard was able to walk up to the truck and at this point, from a distance of about ten feet, read the plate in its entirety. Dep. Pickard testified that the license plate itself had no foreign matter attached to it, and that it was properly affixed to the bumper. His sole reason for making the traffic stop was that the trailer hitch obstructed his full view of the license plate. After the traffic stop was made, a controlled substance was later found. Memorandum Opinion on Motion to Suppress, at 1-2.

In the decision denying Ms. Tregeagle's motion to suppress, the magistrate stated (internal citations omitted):

Here, there is ample evidence to support the deputy's claim that the license plate was not clearly visible because of the hitch. Dep. Pickard testified that it was his habit to call in the license plate of a suspect vehicle that he planned to stop, but was not able to do so in this case because he could not read the plate. The state produced the dispatch logs in support of this. It was only after the traffic stop had been conducted that the deputy was able to read the license plate. As the Wyoming Supreme Court explained, '(w)e agree with the majority of jurisdictions that have considered this issue and determined that a trailer ball positioned so as to partially obstruct a license plate constitutes a violation of the respective license plate statute.' This court concurs and finds that the traffic stop in this case was justified based on a violation of Idaho Code Section 49-428(2). Memorandum Opinion on Motion to Suppress, at 7.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

When a district judge considers an appeal from a magistrate judge (not involving a trial de novo), the district judge is acting as an appellate court, not as a trial court. *State v. Kenner*, 121 Idaho 594, 596, 826 P.2d 1306, 1308 (1992). The interpretation of law or statute is a question of law over which the Court has free review. *State v. Miller*, 134 Idaho 458, 462, 4 P.3d 570, 574 (Ct. App. 2000).

A. Suppression

"At a suppression hearing, the power to assess the credibility of witnesses, resolve factual conflicts, weigh evidence, and draw factual inferences is vested in the trial court." *State v. Young*, 144 Idaho 646, 648, 167 P.3d 783, 785 (Ct. App. 2007).

"When reviewing 'seizure' issues, we defer to the trial court's factual findings unless they are clearly erroneous. We freely review, de novo, the trial court's legal determination of whether or not an illegal seizure occurred." *State v. Schwarz*, 133 Idaho 463, 466, 988 P.2d 689, 692 (1999). *See also State v. Watts*, 142 Idaho 230, 234, 127 P.3d 133, 137 (2005): "The Court accepts the trial court's findings of fact if supported by substantial evidence."

ANALYSIS

Ms. Tregeagle maintains that the court erred in finding that the traffic stop was justified based on a violation of Idaho Code Section 49-428(2) where the vehicle's rear license plate was in a position to be clearly visible and in a condition to be clearly legible. Appellant's Brief, at 1.

She more specifically asserts (internal citations omitted):

According to Officer Pickard, the sole basis for the traffic stop was based on the claim that the rear license plate was obstructed. Officer Pickard testified that the rear license plate was free from foreign material, securely attached, and placed in its designated position. He also testified that he could read the entire plate from approximately ten feet away and that if he had been driving a taller vehicle, it's possible he could have read the entire plate from his own vehicle. State's Exhibit 1 shows that the trailer ball was not an after-market attachment or suspicious in its size or placement. The evidence does not show, therefore, that Ms. Tregeagle's trailer ball violates the plain language of I.C. § 49-428(2). For this reason, the court erred in finding the stop was justified based on a violation of I.C. § 49-428(2). *Id.* at 4.

The applicable standard is articulated in *State v. Anderson*:

A traffic stop by an officer constitutes a seizure of the vehicle's occupants and implicates the Fourth Amendment's prohibition against the unreasonable searches and seizures. The standards of the Fourth Amendment allow a limited investigative detention of an individual if the police officer who seized the individual has reasonable suspicion that the person has committed or is about to commit a criminal act. The police officer's suspicion must be premised upon specific articulable facts and the rational inferences drawn from those facts. The reasonableness of the suspicion is to be evaluated upon the totality of the circumstances at the time of the stop. The "whole picture" must yield a particularized and objective basis for suspecting that the individual being stopped is or has been engaged in wrongdoing. *State v. Anderson*, 134 Idaho 552, 554, 6 P.3d 408, 410 (Ct. App. 2000). "[R]easonable suspicion of a traffic violation . . . iustifie[s] the stop of [a] vehicle." *Id.* (citations omitted).

The following is the rule of statutory construction:

The cardinal rule of statutory construction is that where a statute is plain, clear and unambiguous, we are constrained to follow that plain meaning and neither add to the statute nor take away by judicial construction. Statutory interpretation always begins with an examination of the literal words of the statute. Unless the result is palpably absurd, we must assume that the legislature means what is clearly stated in the statute. We must give the words their plain, usual and ordinary meaning, and there is no occasion for construction where the language of a statute is unambiguous. We furthermore must give every word, clause and sentence effect, if possible. Poison Creek Publishing, Inc. v. Central Idaho Publishing, Inc., 134 Idaho 426, 429, 3 P.3d 1254, 1257 (2000). When interpreting a statute, this Court must strive to give force and effect to the legislature's intent in passing the statute. 'It must begin with the literal words of the statute; those words must be given their plain, usual, and ordinary meaning; and the statute must be construed as a whole. Where the language of a statute is plain and unambiguous, this Court must give effect to the statute as written, without engaging in statutory construction." Wheeler v. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, 147 Idaho 257, 263, 207 P.3d 988, 994 (2009). "[T]he court must construe a statute as a whole, and consider all sections of applicable statutes together to determine the intent of the legislature." Davaz v. Priest River Glass Company, 125 Idaho 333, 336, 870 P.2d 1292, 1295 (1994).

- I.C. §49-428 ("Display of Plate and Stickers.") provides:
- (1) License plates assigned to a motor vehicle shall be attached, one (1) in the front and the other in the rear, with the exception of the following:
- (a) The license plate assigned to a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, motorbike or semitrailer and the license plate assigned to a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer, repossession agent or dealer shall be attached to the rear.
- (b) Vehicles displaying year of manufacture, old timer, classic car or street rod license plates shall be allowed to display one (1) plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.
- (c) The license plate attached to a tractor shall be attached to the front.
- (d) The wrecker plate shall be displayed on the vehicle being towed in such a manner as to be visible when the vehicle being towed is approached from the rear.

License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year. The annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be displayed on each license plate, except for trailers and semitrailers on extended registration under the provisions of section 49-434, Idaho Code. For the purposes of this title, the license plates together with the registration stickers shall be considered as license plates for the year designated on the registration sticker.

(2) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443 (4), Idaho Code.

A plain reading of the statute reveals that every vehicle license plate must be displayed so that it is "in a place and position to be clearly visible" and "in a condition to be clearly legible." (Emphasis added.) It is undisputed that Officer Pickard's view of Ms. Tregeagle's license plate was partially obstructed by the trailer hitch ball on the vehicle.

The officer initiated a traffic stop because a trailer ball was obstructing his view of two letters on the rear license plate. July 20, 2015 Hearing Transcript, at 3-4: "The recess of the bumper holds the license plate, and then there is a trailer ball that was in front of the license plate." Consequently, at the time of the traffic stop, Ms. Tregeagle's rear license plate was not clearly visible and clearly legible.

The reasoning of the Supreme Court of Wyoming, in *Parks v. State*, 247 P.3d 857 (Wyo. 2011), is persuasive. In *Parks*, "[a] trailer hitch ball was mounted in a predrilled hole in the truck's factory bumper so that the license plate was partially obstructed. Due to the obstruction, [the police officer: Officer Ransom] was unable to read the license plate" and made a traffic stop. 247 P.3d at 858:

Officer Ransom, now standing by his own car door and close to the truck's rear license plate, called in the plate number to his dispatcher. He then approached the driver's side door of the truck and informed Mr. Parks that he had been stopped for an obscured license plate and that he needed to remove the trailer ball when he had the first chance to do so. As he was talking to Mr. Parks, Officer Ransom smelled the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the truck. After questioning by Officer Ransom, Mr. Parks surrendered a bag of marijuana and a pipe. *Id*.

The Wyoming Supreme Court was construing a statute¹ essentially worded the same as I.C. § 49-428(2) and held that the pertinent language was unambiguous:

The requirements that a license plate be "plainly visible" and "clearly legible" indicate that a license plate must not be obstructed in any manner. This interpretation is in accordance with the purpose of the statute. License plates need to be easily read in order to facilitate law enforcement and ordinary citizens in reporting and investigating hit-and-run traffic accidents, traffic violations, gas-pump drive-offs, and other criminal activity . . . The plain language and the purpose of the statute indicate that a

¹The Wyoming statute, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-2-205, states "[I]icense plates shall be . . . [c]onspicuously displayed and securely fastened to be plainly visibly . . . [m]aintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible." Parks, 247 P.3d at 858-59.

trailer ball mounted in a place that causes it to partially obstruct a license plate from view is a violation of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-2-205. *Id.* at 860.

We agree with the majority of jurisdictions that have considered this issue and determined that a trailer ball positioned so as to partially obstruct a license plate constitutes a violation of the respective license plate display statute. The traffic stop in this case was justified based on an observed violation of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 31-2-205. *Id.* at 861.

Ms. Tregeagle complains that Officer Pickard arbitrarily enforced his understanding of I.C. § 49-428(2) or knew that having items attached to the back of a vehicle is normal and not indicative of criminal behavior. (Appellant's Brief, at 4.) He "testified that he has seen other attachments, such as bike racks and trailers obstructing the rear license plate on vehicles, but that he sometimes chooses not to detain those vehicles and their drivers." (*Id.*). She also argues that obstructed license plates are "so common" in Idaho it makes the officer's stop here unreasonable. *Id.* at 5. She cites no evidence in the record to support this assertion.

[S]o long as the officer has probable cause to believe that a traffic violation has occurred or was occurring, the resulting stop is not unlawful and does not violate the Fourth Amendment. We focus not on whether a reasonable officer "would" have stopped the suspect (even though he had probable cause to believe that a traffic violation had occurred), or whether any officer 'could' have stopped the suspect (because a traffic violation had in fact occurred), but on whether this particular officer in fact had probable cause to believe that a traffic offense had occurred, regardless of whether this was the only basis or merely one basis for the stop. The stop is reasonable if there was probable cause, and it is irrelevant what else the officer knew or suspected about the traffic violator at the time of the stop. It is also irrelevant whether the stop in question is sufficiently ordinary or routine according to the general practice of the police department or the particular officer making the stop. *United States v. Ferguson*, 8 F.3d 385, 391 (6th Cir. 1993).

See also Whren v. U.S., 517 U.S. 806, 116 S.Ct. 1769, 1774-75, 135 L.Ed.2d 89 (1996) ("[T]hese cases foreclose any argument that the constitutional reasonableness of traffic stops depends on the actual motivations of the individual officers involved. We of course agree with

petitioners that the Constitution prohibits selective enforcement of the law based on considerations such as race. But the constitutional basis for objecting to intentionally discriminatory application of laws is the Equal Protection Clause, not the Fourth Amendment. Subjective intentions play no role in ordinary, probable-cause Fourth Amendment analysis . . . [Petitioners] insist that the standard they have put forward-whether the officer's conduct deviated materially from usual police practices, so that a reasonable officer in the same circumstances would not have made the stop for the reasons given—is an 'objective' one. But although framed in empirical terms, this approach is plainly and indisputably driven by subjective considerations . . . Instead of asking whether the individual officer had the proper state of mind, the petitioners would have us ask, in effect, whether (based on general police practices) it is plausible to believe that the officer had the proper state of mind . . . an exercise that might be called virtual subjectivity. . . . We cannot accept that the search and seizure protections of the Fourth Amendment are so variable.").

CONCLUSION

The magistrate's decision denying Ms. Tregeagle's motion to suppress is affirmed.

Dated this 27 day of March 2016.

Gerald F. Schroeder Senior District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Christopher D. Rich, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that I have mailed, by United States Mail, one copy of the <u>OPINION ON APPEAL</u> as notice pursuant to the Idaho Rules to each of the parties of record in this cause in envelopes addressed as follows:

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STATE OF IDAHO.

Plaintiff-Respondent,

Case No. CR-MD-2015-4410

NOTICE OF APPEAL

VS.

MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,

Defendant-Appellant.

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, STATE OF IDAHO, AND THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

- 1) The above-named Appellant appeals against the above-named respondent to the Idaho Supreme Court from the final decision and order entered against her in the above-entitled action on March 22, 2016, the honorable Gerald F. Schroeder, District Judge, presiding.
- 2) That the party has a right to appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court, and the judgments or orders described in paragraph 1 above are appealable orders under and pursuant to IAR 11(c)(1-11).
- 3) A preliminary statement of the issues on appeal, which the Appellant then intends to assert in the appeal, provided any list of issues on appeal shall not prevent the Appellant from asserting other issues on appeal are:
 - a) Did the district court err by upholding the magistrate's decision denying the appellant's motion to suppress?
- 4) Reporter's Transcript.
 - a) Please use transcript previously prepared and lodged on November 10, 2015.
- 5) Clerk's Record. The Appellant requests the standard clerk's record pursuant to IAR 28(b)(2). The Appellant requests the following documents to be

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included in the clerk's record, in addition to those automatically included under IAR 28(b)(2):

- a) Any and all briefs, memoranda, statements or affidavits considered by the court, or considered on any motion made therein, and memorandum opinions or decisions of the court.
- b) Any exhibits, including but not limited to letters or victim impact statements, addenda to the PSI or other items offered at the sentencing hearing.

6) I certify:

- a) That copy of this Notice of Appeal has been served on the Court Reporter(s) listed in paragraph 4 above.
- b) That the Appellant is exempt from paying the estimated fee for the preparation of the record because the appellant is indigent. (IDAHO CODE §§ 31-3220, 31-3220A, IAR 24(e)).
- c) That there is no appellant filing fee since this is an appeal in a criminal case. (IDAHO CODE §§ 31-3220, 31-3220A, IAR 23(a)(8)).
- d) That the Ada County Public Defender's office will be responsible for paying for the reporter's transcript, as the client is indigent (IDAHO CODE §§ 31-3220, 31-3220A, IAR 24(e)).
- e) That service has been made upon all parties required to be served pursuant to IAR 20.

Attorney for Defendant

DATED this 5 day of April 2016.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this _____day of April 2016, I mailed (served) a true and correct copy of the within instrument to:

Ada County Prosecutor Interdepartmental Mail

Yolanda Smith

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

vs.

MARVIE JEAN TREGEAGLE,

Defendant-Appellant.

Supreme Court Case No. 44098

CERTIFICATE OF EXHIBITS

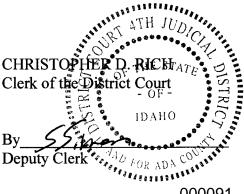
I, CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, Clerk of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho in and for the County of Ada, do hereby certify:

That the attached list of exhibits is a true and accurate copy of the exhibits being forwarded to the Supreme Court on Appeal.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that the following documents will be submitted as EXHIBITS to the Record:

1. Transcript of Suppression Hearing Held July 20th, 2015, Boise, Idaho, filed December 4th, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this 13th day of May, 2016.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that I have personally served or mailed, by either United States Mail or Interdepartmental Mail, one copy of the following:

CLERK'S RECORD

to each of the Attorneys of Record in this cause as follows:

JOHN R. SHACKELFORD

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BOISE, IDAHO

LAWRENCE G. WASDEN

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

BOISE, IDAHO

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CERTIFICATE TO RECORD

I, CHRISTOPHER D. RICH, Clerk of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing record in the above-entitled cause was compiled under my direction and is a true and correct record of the pleadings and documents that are automatically required under Rule 28 of the Idaho Appellate Rules, as well as those requested by Counsel.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that the Notice of Appeal was filed in the District Court on the 5th day of April, 2016.

