

WASHINGTON STATE COURT OF APPEALS DIVISION THREE

CASE SUMMARIES FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

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Date of Hearing: Friday, September 11, 2020
Location: Spokane, 500 North Cedar
Video Oral Argument

9:00 a.m.

1) **No.: 36359-7-III**

Case Name: State v. Gordon J. Ennis

County: Spokane

Case Summary: A jury convicted former police officer Gordon Ennis of raping a fellow officer. On appeal, Mr. Ennis contests several of the court's jury instructions, argues the State committed misconduct by commenting on his exercise of his right to remain silent, and that he received ineffective assistance of counsel due to a conflict of interest.

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2) **No.: 36863-7-III**

Case Name: Mark Whitmore v. Zane Larsen, et al.

County: Whitman

Case Summary: Mark Whitmore claimed to own a strip of land used by Zane Larsen and other defendants. When Mr. Larsen and the others refused to pay rent, Mr. Whitmore sued for unlawful detainer. Following a bench trial, the superior court found in favor of Mr. Whitmore. Mr. Larsen and the other defendants appeal.

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3) **No.: 35062-2-III**

Case Name: State v. William J. Kramer

County: Lincoln

Case Summary: A jury convicted William Kramer of child molestation. On appeal, Mr. Kramer challenges the admission of child hearsay; claims the state engaged in misconduct through its objections, witness vouching, and other trial tactics; and argues the trial court improperly commented on the evidence.

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4) **No.: 36920-0-III**

Case Name: Kathryn Taylor v. Maxim Healthcare Services

County: Spokane

Case Summary: Kathryn Taylor was awarded workers' compensation benefits when injured while working for Maxim Healthcare Services. Maxim contested responsibility on the grounds that the worsening of Ms. Taylor's preexisting condition was unrelated to her employment. The superior court affirmed the award of benefits. Maxim appeals the allowance of Ms. Taylor's claim and related rulings.

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