

The Order of the Court is stated below:

Dated: December 08, 2018
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/s/ Thomas R. Lee
Associate Chief Justice



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF UTAH

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State of Utah,
Petitioner,
v.
Anthony Soto,
Respondent.

ORDER

Supreme Court Case No. 20180810-SC

Court of Appeals Case No. 20160087-
CA

Trial Court Case No. 151902137

This matter is before the court upon a Petition for Writ of Certiorari, filed on October 9, 2018.

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari is granted as to the following issues:

1. Whether the court of appeals erred in concluding that a rebuttable presumption of prejudice occurs when there is inappropriate contact between jurors and court personnel, regardless of whether the personnel are participants in the case to be decided by the jurors.
2. If the answer to the first question is no, whether the court of appeals erred in concluding that Petitioner failed to rebut the presumption.

A briefing schedule will be established hereafter. Pursuant to Rule 2 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Court suspends the provision of Rule 26(a) that permits the parties to stipulate to an extension of time to submit their briefs on the merits. The parties shall not be permitted to stipulate to an extension. The parties shall comply with the briefing schedule upon its issuance.

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