

**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

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2015 ND 45

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State of North Dakota,

Plaintiff and Appellee

v.

Christopher David Harns,

Defendant and Appellant

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No. 20140236

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Appeal from the District Court of Dunn County, Southwest Judicial District,  
the Honorable William A. Herauf, Judge.

AFFIRMED.

Per Curiam.

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**Per Curiam.**

[¶1] Christopher David Harns appeals from a district court order denying his motion to suppress evidence after conditionally pleading guilty to driving under the influence and reserving his right to appeal the court's order. Harns argues the blood test was a warrantless search conducted in the absence of an exception to the warrant requirement because the advisement of the criminal sanctions imposed by the implied consent law established his consent was coerced, and the state's implied consent and refusal laws violate the unconstitutional conditions doctrine. We have previously determined that consent to a blood-alcohol test is not per se involuntary or coerced because an individual is advised of the implied consent law which criminalizes refusal. See State v. Brenny, 2014 ND 159, ¶ 1; State v. Smith, 2014 ND 152, ¶ 21, 849 N.W.2d 599; State v. Boehm, 2014 ND 154, ¶ 20, 849 N.W.2d 239. Harns' arguments that the implied consent and refusal laws violate the Fourth Amendment and N.D. Const. art. 1, § 8, and the unconstitutional conditions doctrine have recently been rejected. See Beylund v. Levi, 2015 ND 18; State v. Birchfield, 2015 ND 6. We conclude there was sufficient competent evidence to support the district court's determination that Harns' consent to the test was freely and voluntarily given, and the court's decision was not contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence. We summarily affirm under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(7).

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*Gregory A. Vande Walle, C.J.*  
*Carol Ann Hines*  
*David S. Gault*  
*W. D. Anderson*  
*Lori Ann McNeer*

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JUDGMENT

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[¶1] This appeal having been heard by the Court at the December 2014 Term before:

[¶2] Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle, Justice Dale V. Sandstrom, Justice Carol Ronning Kapsner, Justice Daniel J. Crothers, and Justice Lisa Fair McEvers;

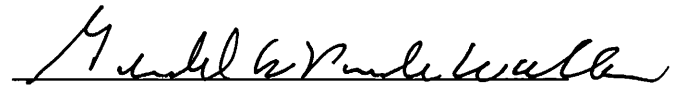
[¶3] and the Court having considered the appeal, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the order of the district court is AFFIRMED under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(7).

[¶4] This judgment, together with the opinion of the Court filed this date, constitutes the mandate of the Supreme Court on the date it is issued to the district court under N.D.R.App.P. 40.

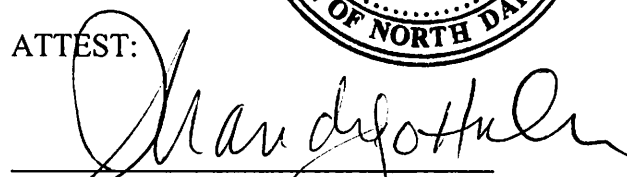
Dated: February 25, 2015



By the Court:

  
Chief Justice

ATTEST:

  
Chief Deputy Clerk