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Williams v. City of Spokane

Supreme Court of Washington - March 3, 2022 - P.3d - 2022 WL 619690

Motorist brought putative class action against city and traffic control company asserting claims for declaratory and injunctive relief and claims for damages on theories of due process and unjust enrichment, seeking refund of his uncontested traffic infraction fine for speeding in school zone.

The Superior Court denied defendants' summary judgment motion. Defendants moved for discretionary review, which was granted. The Court of Appeals reversed. Motorist petitioned for review, which was granted.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Exclusive means for motorist to obtain a refund of traffic infraction fine was to move to vacate judgment in municipal court;
- Court of Appeals properly exercised its discretion to reach standing issue for first time on appeal; and
- Motorist lacked standing to seek declaratory and injunctive relief.