

STATE V. ALDACO

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
Plaintiff-Appellee,
v.
MICHAEL ALDACO,
Defendant-Appellant.**

No. 33,799

COURT OF APPEALS OF NEW MEXICO

March 23, 2015

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, James L. Shuler, District
Judge

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JUDGES

JONATHAN B. SUTIN, Judge. WE CONCUR: JAMES J. WECHSLER, Judge,
MICHAEL D. BUSTAMANTE, Judge

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

SUTIN, Judge.

{1} Defendant appeals his conviction for commercial burglary. This Court issued a stay before addressing the merits of the State's appeal, pending our decision in *State v. Archuleta*, ___-NMCA-___, ___ P.3d ___ (No. 32,794, Oct. 27, 2014), *cert. granted*,

2015-NMCERT-____, ____ P.3d ____ (No. 35,005, Jan. 26, 2015), the first of many cases raising the same issue relative to the charge of commercial burglary. Relying on our Opinion in *Archuleta*, we lifted the stay and issued a notice of proposed summary disposition, proposing to reverse. [Ct. App. file] The State has filed a response, objecting to our notice and requesting that we hold this appeal in abeyance or provide the State with a reasonable opportunity to seek guidance from the New Mexico Supreme Court on all pending appeals controlled by our Opinion in *Archuleta*. [MIO 1-2] We have provided the State with such an opportunity, and the Supreme Court has denied the State a stay or other remedy that would suspend the precedential value of *Archuleta*. Thus, pursuant to Rule 12-405(C) NMRA, we apply *Archuleta*. See Rule 12-405(C) (“A petition for a writ of certiorari filed pursuant to Rule 12-502 NMRA or a Supreme Court order granting the petition does not affect the precedential value of an opinion of the Court of Appeals, unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court.”).

{2} In its response to our notice, the State simply objects to our proposed disposition without elaboration. [MIO 1] We continue to believe that there are no material factual distinctions to remove this case from the control of our Opinion in *Archuleta*. For the reasons stated in our notice, we reverse Defendant’s conviction.

{3} **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

JONATHAN B. SUTIN, Judge

WE CONCUR:

JAMES J. WECHSLER, Judge

MICHAEL D. BUSTAMANTE, Judge