Judge rules against guns in campus apartments

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The University of Idaho did not violate a law student's Second Amendment rights by not allowing him to keep firearms in his on-campus apartment, Latah County 2nd District Judge John R. Stegner has ruled.

Aaron Tribble, a second-year law student, filed a lawsuit against the UI in January, stating his inability to keep firearms at the South Hill Vista apartments for married students and students with children exceeded the powers of the university and violated his right to bear arms and 14th Amendment right to due process.

In his judgment filed Wednesday, Stegner states Tribble waived his right to keep firearms at his UI apartment by agreeing to the license agreement for occupancy. Stegner said the Board of Regents legally exercised its right to regulate the university's affairs and maintain a safe educational environment.

Stegner said the UI policy does not place "a substantial burden on Tribble's exercise of his core constitutional right."

A UI spokeswoman said the university will be releasing a statement regarding the decision later this afternoon.