>> SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA IS NOW IN SESSION. ALL WHO HAVE CAUSE TO PLEA, DRAW NEAR, GIVE ATTENTION. YOU SHALL BE HEARD. GOD SAVE THESE UNITED STATES, THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA AND THIS HONORABLE COURT. >> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA. PLEASE BE SEATED. >> WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT. OUR CASE FOR THE DAY IS T.S. VERSUS STATE OF FLORIDA. YOU MAY PROCEED. >> GOOD MORNING. BRIAN OLSON HERE ON BEHALF OF THE JUVENILE, T.S. THE ISSUE BEFORE THIS COURT IS WHETHER THE OFFICER HAD REASONABLE SUSPICION TO SEIZE THE JUVENILE BASED SOLELY ON THE WORD OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON.

>> WE CERTAINLY HAVE LOOKED AT ALL THESE CASES, AND AS YOU LOOK AT THE ELEMENTS AND THE LAW, THIS ONE'S PRETTY CLOSE TO THE MIDDLE OF IT. WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS CASE THAT THROWS IT INTO THE ANONYMOUS TIPSTER CATEGORY THAT WOULD CAUSE US TO RULE IN FAVOR OF THE JUVENILE IN THIS CASE?

>> IN JUST ABOUT EVERY
FACETOFACE TIPSTER CASE THAT
WERE IN THE BRIEFS THAT WERE
BEFORE THIS COURT, THE PERSON
WAS ONLY FOUND RELIABLE WHERE
THERE WAS SOME ADDITIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCE THAT ENHANCES
RELIABILITY.
IN EVERY CASE WHERE THE

IN EVERY CASE WHERE THE FACETOFACE PERSON WAS HELD NOT TO BE RELIABLE, YOU HAD A SITUATION WHERE THE IDENTITY COULDN'T BE ASCERTAINED AND THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL

CIRCUMSTANCES. IN THIS CASE, ALL WE HAVE IS ONE PERSON. IT'S PRETTY MUCH CONCEDED I THINK THAT HIS IDENTITY COULDN'T BE ASCERTAINED BASED OFF OF WHAT HE TOLD THE OFFICER, AND THE OFFICER TESTIFIED WHEN HE CAME UPON THE PERSON THAT MATCHED THE DESCRIPTION. THERE WERE NO CORROBORATING FACTS, THERE WAS NOTHING THAT INDICATED THAT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY HAD HAPPENED, HE WASN'T IN A HIGHCRIME AREA, HE DIDN'T ACT SUSPICIOUS. HE WAS SIMPLY A JUVENILE WALKING DOWN THE STREET. THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING ADDITIONAL THAT ENHANCES HIS CREDIBILITY. THERE HAS TO BE A REASON THAT THE OFFICER HAS A BASIS TO TRUST WHAT HE'S HEARD. AND THIS OFFICER >> WELL, DO YOU THINK PERHAPS BECAUSE HE'S ON THE 911 CALL THAT THAT MIGHT HAVE SUPPLIED SOME BASIS FOR RELIABILITY? >> I DON'T THINK IT DOES, YOUR HONOR, BECAUSE WE KNOW IN THIS CASE THE PERSON APPROACHED THE OFFICER IN PERSON. HE WAS ALSO MAKING A PHONE CALL, BUT THE PHONE CALL DOESN'T ADD ANYTHING BECAUSE EVERYTHING HE DID IN THE PHONE CALL HE ALREADY DID IN PERSON. THE OFFICER HEARD I WAS IN A McDONALD'S, A PERSON PULLED A GUN ON ME, THIS IS WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE, THIS IS WHAT HE EVERYTHING HE TOLD THE OFFICER HE ALREADY SAID IN THE PHONE CALL. >> BUT INITIAL REACTION WAS ARE YOU KIDDING?

THEN WHEN HE WAS TALKING WITH

THE 911 OPERATOR HE APPARENTLY GAVE MORE CREDENCE TO WHAT HE WAS REPORTING.

>> THE OFFICER'S TESTIMONY WAS VERY PRECISE.

HE SAYS AT THE MOMENT THAT HE ENCOUNTERED THIS PERSON, AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE. I SAID ARE YOU JOKING? LET ME SEE WHO YOU'RE TALKING

HE THEN SPEAKS TO DISPATCH.
HE HEARS THE SAME EXACT THING
THAT HE HAD JUST HEARD FROM
THE PERSON IN FRONT OF HIM.
DISPATCH IS ONLY REPEATING
WHAT HE ALREADY KNEW, WHAT HE
JUST HEARD.

T0?

>> YOU MENTIONED EARLY THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS YOU'RE HAVING WITH THIS CASE IS THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE INFORMANT COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED.

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION BASED ON THESE FACTS AS TO WHY IT COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED?

>> WELL, FIRST OF ALL, YOUR HONOR, THE OFFICER TOLD US SO. >> WELL, HE SAID HE WAS AGITATED.

WOULD THAT COUNT INTO THE EOUATION?

>> THE OFFICER TESTIFIED HE SEEMED A LITTLE AGITATED, EXCITED.

THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DEMEANOR EVIDENCE EXCEPT THE OFFICER NEVER SAID I FOUND HIM RELIABLE BASED OFF HIS DEMEANOR AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS EXCITED.

>> THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE FACTS FROM WHAT I SAW THAT THE INFORMANT ACTUALLY MADE AN EFFORT TO CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY.

IT JUST SEEMED THAT HE WAS AGITATED TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO THE OFFICER WHAT HAPPENED,

TRYING TO CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

I THINK PERHAPS AT THAT
JUNCTURE THE LEAST OF HIS
WORRIES WAS TELLING THE
OFFICER WHO HE WAS RATHER THAN
TELLING HIM WHAT HAPPENED.
>> IT'S TRUE THAT HE NEVER
MADE ANY EFFORT TO CONCEAL HIS
IDENTITY, BUT RECOGNIZE, YOUR
HONOR, THAT HE NEVER HAD TO
BECAUSE NO ONE EVER ACTUALLY
ASKED HIM FOR HIS IDENTITY.
>> BUT HIS IDENTITY HE
PRESENTED HIS FACE TO THE
OFFICER.

HE IS IDENTIFIABLE BY THE OFFICER.

THE OFFICER CAN SUBSEQUENTLY SEE HIM WALKING DOWN THE STREET, SAY THAT'S THE GUY, AND HE'S GOT TO BE CONCERNED IF HE'S SUBMITTING A FALSE REPORT TO AN OFFICER THAT THE OFFICER WILL BE ABLE TO COME FIND HIM.

IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEBODY WHO CALLS UP ON A PHONE THAT CAN'T BE IDENTIFIED AND GIVES A REPORT, WHERE THEY CAN'T BE TRACKED DOWN.

THIS GUY COULD BE TRACKED DOWN.

AND HE'S GOING TO KNOW THAT. AND THE OFFICER IS GOING TO KNOW THAT HE'S GOING TO KNOW THAT.

AND THIS BUSINESS ABOUT WHAT THE OFFICER SAID ABOUT WHETHER HE FOUND IT TO BE RELIABLE OR NOT, I MEAN, WE CAN INFER THAT HE ULTIMATELY FOUND HIM TO BE RELIABLE, CAN'T WE, BECAUSE HE ACTED ON THE INFORMATION HE WAS GIVEN IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES.

SO WHY AM I WRONG IN POINTING OUT THOSE THINGS?

>> I AGREE WITH YOUR HONOR TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN ASSUME

A FACETOFACE ACCUSER ON A SCALE OF RELIABILITY IS MORE RELIABLE THAN A TELEPHONE CALLER.

THE ARGUMENT IS THAT THAT
STILL FALLS SHORT OF
REASONABLE SUSPICION AND
SCENARIO WHERE THERE'S NOTHING
IN THE CASE, NO FACTS OR
CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD GIVE
AN OFFICER REASONABLE LEAVE
THAT HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.
>> WELL, WHAT COULD OFFICER
COULD HAVE DONE TO MEET THAT
STANDARD?

>> AT THE VERY MINIMUM, YOUR HONOR, THE OFFICER COULD HAVE SAID WHAT IS YOUR NAME? AT THAT POINT EITHER THE OFFICER CAN GIVE A NAME, WHICH COULD BE VERIFIED AND EVERYONE WOULD KNOW.

HE WOULD BE ON THE HOOK FOR THE INFORMATION HE'S GIVEN. THAT MAKES HIM MORE ACCOUNTABLE.

>> BUT YOU ARE THEN SAYING AS
A BRIGHT LINE RULE OF LAW THAT
LAW ENFORCEMENT MUST OBTAIN
THE NAME OF THE PERSON
PROVIDING THE INFORMATION
BEFORE REASONABLE SUSPICION
CAN BE CREATED THEN, ARE YOU
NOT?

>> NO, YOUR HONOR.
I'M NOT ADVOCATING A BRIGHT
LINE RULE.

>> YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE NAME.
THAT SEEMS TO BE A PRETTY

THAT SEEMS TO BE A PRETTY BRIGHT LINE.

>> I'M SAYING IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT, BUT NOT REQUIRED. AND I WOULD SAY WHERE THE OFFICER CAN ASCERTAIN THE IDENTITY OR THE PERSON REFUSES TO BE IDENTIFIED, THE COURT SHOULD THEN LOOK TO ARE THERE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD GIVE THE OFFICER REASON TO BELIEVE THEY'RE TELLING THE TRUTH.

IF THIS COURT LOOKS TO THE 11TH CIRCUIT COURT OPINION WHERE THEY SAID A PERSON APPEAR NOTICE PERSON, WE CAN FIND HIM FOR RELIABLE. IN THAT CASE IT WASN'T JUST THAT THE PERSON SHOWED THEIR FACE.

THE OFFICER COULD SEE THERE WAS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PERSON GIVING THE TIP AND THE DEFENDANT.

>> COULD YOU GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING, WHICH IS STANDARD OF REVIEW?

MY CONCERN WITH THE 3rd DISTRICT'S OPINION IS THAT THE TRIAL COURT, WHO HEARD THE POLICE OFFICER, WAS THE ONLY POLICE OFFICER TO TESTIFY, SUPPRESSED THE SEARCH. NOW WE'RE HERE SAYING SEEMS RELIABLE TO ME, YOU KNOW. I'M LOOKING AND THINKING HOW IS THIS DEFENDANT I MEAN THE VICTIM RELIABLE WHEN HE WAS A VICTIM OF A CRIME AND HE DOESN'T STICK AROUND TO AS HE WAS TOLD TO STICK AROUND. HIS MOTIVE COULD HAVE BEEN THAT HE WAS A DRUG DEALER AND. YOU KNOW, AND HE WANTED TO GET THESE TWO OTHER PEOPLE, JUST LIKE IN THE J.L. CASE. SO WHERE DOES IT COME THAT WHAT THE TRIAL JUDGE WE HAVE A MIXED QUESTION OF LAW AND FACT.

WHEN THE TRIAL JUDGE, HAVING OBSERVED THE DEMEANOR, SUPPRESSES THE EVIDENCE. AND I DIDN'T REALLY SEE THAT ADDRESSED ANYWHERE BY OTHER THAN SORT OF RECITING WHAT THE STANDARD REVIEW IS. IS THIS A QUESTION OF LAW? A QUESTION OF FACT? MIXED QUESTION OF LAW AND

FACT? DO WE DEFER TO THE TRIAL JUDGE AT ALL? HOW DOES THAT GO? >> THE SPECIFIC FACTUAL FINDINGS OF THE TRIAL JUDGE, WHICH WERE BASED ENTIRELY ON THE OFFICER'S TESTIMONY, WERE WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THIS PERSON IS, HE WAS COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS, IDENTITY COULDN'T BE ASCERTAINED, THERE WAS NO OTHER EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD THAT THE PERSON WAS IN SHOCK WHEN HE APPROACHED THE OFFICER. THERE IS NO EVEN ARGUMENT THAT THE TIP WAS CORROBORATED WHEN THE OFFICER APPROACHED THE JUVENILE BECAUSE HE MATCHED DESCRIPTION. SO THE TRIAL JUDGE'S FACTUAL FINDINGS I THINK ARE AFFORDED GREAT DEFERENCE. THE TRIAL JUDGE FOUND THIS PERSON DID NOT HAVE AN IDENTITY THAT COULD BE ASCERTAINED. ALSO HEARD THE OFFICER'S TESTIMONY, WHO TOLD THE JUDGE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S MOTIVATING HIM. HE CAN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. NO ONE IN THE MIAMIDADE POLICE DEPARTMENT KNOWS WHO THIS PERSON IS. THE OFFICER ALSO TESTIFIED WHEN HE INITIALLY CAME ACROSS THIS PERSON, HE DIDN'T BASED OFF OF HIS DEMEANOR FIND HIM RELIABLE? THE OFFICER THOUGHT THE PERSON WAS PLAYING A JOKE. HE SAID I ONLY WENT TO INVESTIGATE BECAUSE I SAW HE WAS TALKING TO DISPATCH. I SAW HE WAS MAKING A TELEPHONE CALL. >> WHETHER THIS WAS AN ANONYMOUS TIPSTER OR WHETHER

IT WAS A CITIZEN INFORMANT, WHAT COULD THE OFFICER LEGITIMATELY DO WITH THE INFORMATION? THE OFFICER COULD IN FACT APPROACH THESE PEOPLE, CORRECT? >> THAT'S RIGHT. >> AND TRY TO SEE IF THE FACTORS THAT THE INFORMANT GAVE THEM WERE CORRECT AND WHETHER OR NOT HE COULD ASCERTAIN IF THE PERSON HAD A GUN ON HIM. OKAY. SO DOES THE FACT THAT THE DEFENDANT WOULD NOT RESPOND WHEN THE OFFICER QUESTIONED HIM, ASKED HIM TO STOP OR WHATEVER THE OFFICER SAID, DOES THAT FACTOR INTO WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS REASONABLE SUSPICION OR THE OFFICER PULL HIS GUN AT THE TIME HE ASKED HIM TO STOP? >> THE OFFICER DREW HIS GUN FIRST AND THEN GAVE DIRECTIVES AFTERWARDS. >> AND WHAT DID HE SAY WHEN HE DREW HIS GUN? >> THE OFFICER DREW HIS GUN, SAID PUT UP YOUR HANDS. THE JUVENILE RESPONDED BY REMAINING SILENT AND SORT OF SWAYING HIS BODY. THEN THE OFFICER SAID PUT UP YOUR HANDS OR I'M GOING TO BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF. THE OFFICER TESTIFIED THERE WAS NO BOLDNESS ON THE JUVENILE. HE MATCHED THE DESCRIPTION. HE WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. I APPROACHED AND FOR MY OWN SAFETY I DREW MY WEAPON. >> BUT HE COULD HAVE APPROACHED HIM. WE CAN GET THAT FAR. >> I AGREE.

>> WHAT COULD HE HAVE DONE ONCE HE APPROACHED THEM? >> THE COURTS MAKE IT VERY CLEAR IN A CONSENSUAL ENCOUNTER THE OFFICER CAN OBSERVE, INVESTIGATE, APPROACH TO ASK QUESTIONS OR DO NOTHING AT ALL WHEN HE SEES THAT THE JUVENILE ISN'T VIOLATING ANY CRIME WHATSOEVER. BEFORE HE WENT TO INVESTIGATE. THE OFFICER COULD HAVE AT LEAST TAKEN A MOMENT TO ASK THE PERSON HIS NAME, ASK WHERE HE LIVED, SOME OTHER FACTS THAT WOULD HELP HIM ASCERTAIN WHO THIS PERSON WAS OR HAVE A WAY TO HOLD HIM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE INFORMATION HE WAS GIVEN.

>> LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT THAT.
JUST CHANGE THIS A LITTLE BIT,
THE FACT SITUATION HERE.
SAY THAT THIS COMPLAINING
INDIVIDUAL INSTEAD OF
COMPLAINING ABOUT A GUN BEING
PULLED ON HIM, IT WAS IN THE
BATHROOM IN THE RESTAURANT,
SAID INSTEAD OF INFORMING
THE OFFICER A MAN'S RUNNING
DOWN THE STREET WHO JUST SHOT
AT ME.

WHAT'S THE OFFICER SUPPOSED TO DO IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES? IS HE SUPPOSED TO SAY LET ME LOOK AT YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE AND GET YOUR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION BEFORE HE GOES AFTER THE MAN WHEN HE'S RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THE SHOT HAD JUST BEEN FIRED? >> IF THE PERSON TELLS THE OFFICER THE PERSON JUST SHOT ME, HE'S RUNNING DOWN THAT WAY, I AGREE THE OFFICER WOULD HAVE A DUTY TO GO INVESTIGATE. BUT

>> IF YOU HAVE REASONABLE SUSPICION, BARRELED ON THAT SCENARIO, WOULD THE OFFICER

HAVE REASONABLE SUSPICION TO GO DO A TERRY STOP.

>> ONLY IF HE SAW SOME FACT THAT CORROBORATED THE CRIMINAL ALLEGATION.

>> IF THIS VICTIM HAD REMAINED WHERE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO REMAIN, AT McDONALD'S, HE WAS JUST SUPPOSEDLY ASSAULTED, THIS CASE COULD HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED AS AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT I'M NOT FIGURING OUT HERE IS THAT THE VICTIM OF A CRIME I MEAN, IF YOU'VE JUST BEEN SHOT AT, I'VE JUST BEEN SHOT AT, BUT THEN I LEAVE AND NO ONE CAN FIND ME, SO THAT THE PROBLEM REALLY ISN'T THAT WE GOT THE GUN OF THIS PERSON. THE QUESTION IS IS HE SUPPOSED TO BE PROSECUTED FOR THIS CRIME WHERE THE COMPLAINING WITNESS HAS DISAPPEARED. TO ME AND, AGAIN, THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE STATE THE SAME JOBS OF J.L. COME, THAT SOMEBODY THIS GUY, THE ANONYMOUS PERSON, COULD HAVE BEEN PART OF A CRIME AND DECIDED HE'S GOING TO SET UP THESE OTHER TWO. WE DON'T KNOW HIS MOTIVATION. >> AND THAT WAS THE THEORY OF THE DEFENSE AT THE SUPPRESSION HEARING.

WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THIS PERSON IS.

WE DON'T KNOW IF HE'S MOTIVATED TO IMPLICATE THE JUVENILE BECAUSE HE WANTS TO GET HIM IN TROUBLE, THEY'RE MORTAL ENEMIES, HE WANTS TO HAVE AN OFFICER SEIZE HIM AT GUN POINT.

THE FACT THAT HE DIDN'T STICK AROUND, I'M NOT SURE THAT GOES INTO WHETHER HE'S RELIABLE. >> WELL, IT MAKES HIM NOT

ANONYMOUS.

IF HE STICKS AROUND AGAIN, MAYBE THEN ARE YOU SAYING THAT BEFORE SOMEBODY GOES TO INVESTIGATE, THAT THEY SAYING STAY HERE IS NOT ENOUGH?

IF HE HAD COME BACK, HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN THE COMPLAINING WITNESS'S NAME AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN UNREASONABLE SEARCH?

>> I THINK AT THE VERY LEAST HE HAS TO OBTAIN SOME DEGREE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, WHETHER THAT'S A NAME >> BUT IF THE GUY HAD STAYED THERE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM.

>> THAT'S TRUE, BUT THE OFFICER, ASSUMING THIS PERSON GAVE A BAD TIP AND HE INTENDED TO RUN AWAY THE WHOLE TIME, THE OFFICER DOESN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME.

SO HE SAYS STAY THERE. THE OFFICER HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE WILL STAY THERE.

HE HAS NO IDEA WHO HE IS OR WHAT HE WANTS.

THE OFFICER TOLD US THAT.
>> SOMEONE'S THE VICTIM OF A
CRIME, THE REASONABLE IDEA IS
THEY'RE GOING TO STAY WHERE
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO.
THEY JUST WERE I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT IS OUT IN THAT WORLD,
BUT IN THE WORLD OF MOST
REASONABLE PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT
YOU WOULD ASSUME.

DO WE KNOW HOW OLD THE VICTIM WAS?

WE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT
>> THE PERSON GIVING THE TIP,
WE DON'T KNOW HOW OLD HE WAS.
THE OFFICER DESCRIBES HIM AS A
YOUNG LATIN MALE.

>> SO HE WAS LATIN AND THE TWO HE IDENTIFIED TWO BLACK

MALES.

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> SO AGAIN WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE WAS SOME KIND OF THING GOING ON.

>> I THINK WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO IS WHAT THE OFFICER KNEW ABOUT THIS PERSON AT THE TIME HE LEFT TO GO INVESTIGATE THE TIP.

>> SO IS IT THEN CORRECT THAT ALL THIS TALK ABOUT WHETHER THE GUY LEFT AND IF HE HAD STAYED THERE WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, THAT IS TOTALLY IRRELEVANT, ISN'T IT, TO THE 4TH AMENDMENT ANALYSIS IN THIS CASE.

THE QUESTION IS WHAT THE OFFICER KNEW AT THE TIME HE ACTED AND NOT WHAT HE FOUND OUT LATER.

>> I THINK UNDER BAPTISE, THAT'S CORRECT. THE STOP HAS TO BE JUSTIFIED AT ITS INCEPTION. >> THAT'S A WHOLE 4TH AMENDMENT ANALYSIS. THAT'S THE BASIC FRAMEWORK, ISN'T IT? >> THAT'S RIGHT. BUT EVEN UNDER THE FACTS OF THIS CASE THE OFFICER TOLD US, TOLD THE TRIAL JUDGE, WHO HEARD ALL THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE, DIDN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS,

>> BUT UNDER THE FACTS OF THE CASE IF THIS PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL HAD WANTED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, COULDN'T HE HAVE SIMPLY STAYED ON THE PHONE CALL OF 911 AND NOT ENGAGED THE POLICE OFFICER AT ALL? >> I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND

DIDN'T BOTHER ASKING HIS NAME, HAD NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

THE QUESTION.

>> WELL, IF HE WANTED TO

REPORT THIS AND HAD A BAD
MOTIVE AS OPPOSED TO REALLY
REPORTING A TRUE CRIME, HE
JUST WANTED TO SET THEM UP
SOMEHOW, WHY NOT REPORT
ANONYMOUSLY ON A 911 CALL?
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO ENGAGE THE
POLICE OFFICER AT ALL.
HE COULD HAVE WALKED AWAY,
REPORTED IT ON THE PHONE AND
NOT ENGAGED THE POLICE OFFICER
AT ALL.

>> BECAUSE IF HE HAD SOME KIND OF NEFARIOUS INTENT, HE COULD HAVE APPEARED IN PERSON DOING IT.

I'M NOT SAYING HE DOESN'T BECOME MORE RELIABLE COMING FACETOFACE.

JUST BECAUSE HE COMES
FACETOFACE DOESN'T MEAN
THERE'S REASONABLE SUSPICION.
THE FACETOFACE PERSON
CERTAINLY IS MORE RELIABLE
THAN THE ANONYMOUS CALLER.
BUT ON THE FACTS OF THIS CASE
THERE ARE NO CIRCUMSTANCES
THAT WOULD ACTUALLY ADD TO HIS
RELIABILITY.
WE DON'T HAVE DEMEANOR

WE DON'T HAVE DEMEANOR
TESTIMONY.

>> LET ME ASK YOU THIS QUESTION.

WHAT IF THESE, AS OFTEN
HAPPENS IN METRO DADE COUNTY,
HAD A PARTNER RIDING WITH HIM
AND ONE OFFICER REMAINED AT
THE McDONALD'S AND THE OTHER
OFFICER RECEIVED THE SAME
INFORMATION, THAT THE ONE
OFFICER WENT TO SEARCH FOR THE
SUSPECT BY HIMSELF.
SO THERE'S NO CHANGE IN
INFORMATION.

INFORMATION.
YOU'RE NOT CHANGING ANYTHING.
WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES THERE?
WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN A CITIZEN
INFORMANT?

>> I THINK IT WOULD BE, YOUR

HONOR, BECAUSE IF AN OFFICER IS STAYING WITH HIM ON THE SCENE WHILE ANOTHER GOES TO INVESTIGATE, THE CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE PERSON IS ON THE HOOK FOR WHAT HE SAID AT THAT POINT. HE'S NOT FREE TO JUST WALK AWAY.

>> WELL, THE INFORMATION HASN'T CHANGED. THOUGH. AND YOU DO AGREE THAT THE OFFICER INSTRUCTED THE VICTIM TO STAY IN THAT LOCATION.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> WELL, ISN'T THAT A CRIME? IS HE NOT ENTITLED TO ASSUME THAT THE CITIZEN WILL FOLLOW A LAWFUL INSTRUCTION? AND ISN'T IT A CRIME TO DISREGARD AND FAIL TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER OF A POLICE OFFICER?

>> IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A LAWFUL ORDER >> WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A LAWFUL ORDER? >> IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN, YOUR HONOR. >> WHY IS THAT? YOU MADE A REPORT. YOU HAVE MADE A REPORT OF A CRIME, AND I'M ORDERING YOU TO

>> THE OFFICER DIDN'T

WAIT HERE.

>> THAT'S NOT A LAWFUL ORDER.

>> FIRST OF ALL, YOUR HONOR, THE OFFICER DIDN'T SAY HOW LONG TO REMAIN THERE.

>> I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT.

>> AND IF THE PERSON WASN'T GIVING A VALID TIP, IF HE WASN'T THE VICTIM OF A CRIME, THAT PERSON WOULD HAVE HAD EVERY INTENT TO LEAVE, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. THE OFFICER HAD NO REASON TO THINK ANY DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE AS HE TOLD US

>> THE VICTIM MAY HAVE THOUGHT

THAT HE COULDN'T FIND HIM
BECAUSE WE HAVE, WHAT, A ONE
OR TWOMINUTE ENCOUNTER TO
GIVE THE INFORMATION, BUT THEN
THE OFFICER IS GONE FROM THAT
LOCATION FOR OVER A HALF HOUR
OR SO, WASN'T HE?
>> RIGHT.

THE OFFICER TESTIFIED HE CAME BACK ABOUT 30 TO 35 MINUTES LATER.

>> 35 MINUTES LATER.
THE VICTIM REMAINS AT THE
SCENE 25 MINUTES AND OFFICER
NEVER COMES BACK, SO I GO ON
MY WAY.

>> RIGHT.

OR THE PERSON

>> THAT DOESN'T CHANGE WHAT THAT OFFICER KNEW IN ENCOUNTERING THE SUSPECT, DOES IT?

>> EXCEPT HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING, YOUR HONOR. HE HAS NO REASON TO THINK THIS IS A VALID TIP. HE HAS NO REASON TO THINK THE PERSON WILL REMAIN AFTER HE'S TOLD HIM TO.

IF THE OFFICER COULD ASSUME HE WOULD REMAIN, IF HE HAD ENOUGH FACTS TO SUPPORT THAT ASSUMPTION, HE WOULD ALSO HAVE ENOUGH FACTS

>> IT'S A QUESTION OF ACCOUNTABILITY.

>> EXACTLY.

AND AS THE OFFICER SAID, THE WAY IT TURNED OUT, THIS PERSON COULDN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. HE WAS NEVER PUT ON THE HOOK FOR THE INFORMATION.

>> BUT THAT ONLY OCCURRED AFTER THE TRANSMISSION OF THE INFORMATION.

>> RIGHT, BUT I'M SAYING AT THE POINT THE OFFICER LEFT, HE HAD NO REASON TO THINK THE TIP WAS VALID, THAT THE PERSON WOULD REMAIN. >> WHY NOT? I HAVE THE VICTIM. THE VICTIM I HAVE ORDERED TO STAY THERE. HE MAY BE TEN YARDS DOWN THE SIDEWALK, TURNED OUT HE WAS 200 YARDS DOWN THE SIDEWALK. THAT'S THE SAME INFORMATION. I HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY HERE BECAUSE THE PERSON IS THERE. >> BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE THE PERSON CAN LEAVE, WHICH EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. IN ALL THE CASES WHERE SOMEONE HAS LEFT, THE PERSON WHO GAVE THE TIP LEFT. THEY WERE FREE TO GO ON THEIR MERRY WAY AND THERE WERE NO REPERCUSSIONS AT ALL. IN ALL OF THOSE CASES THE COURT SAID IF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON CAN'T BE ASCERTAINED THERE ARE NO OUTSIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAKE THEM MORE RELIABLE, IT IS NOT REASONABLE SUSPICION. ALL THE CASES THAT FIND FACETOFACE TIPSTER IS RELIABLE, THERE'S SOMETHING MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE HERE. EITHER THE CRIME IS HAPPENING, THE PERSON IS POINTING OUT THE CRIME, THE PERSON IS GETTING AWAY. AT THAT POINT THE PERSON IS MAKING THE ACCUSATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEFENDANT MAKING HIM SUBJECT TO REPRISALS. THE PERSON COULD BE IN SHOCK THEY ARE GIVING THE INFORMATION. I'M GOING TO GO INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY. YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN THIS CASE. THE OFFICER DIDN'T SEE THE PERSON GIVING THE TIP IN ANY KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE

DEFENDANT.

HE HAS NO REASON TO THINK
>> ON THAT POINT, DID HE NOT
SAY THAT HE SEEMED AGITATED?
>> THE OFFICER TESTIFIED WHEN
I FIRST ENCOUNTERED HIM, HE
SEEMED A LITTLE AGITATED,
EXCITED.

THE OFFICER IS THEN ASKED WHY DID YOU GO INVESTIGATE? HE DOESN'T SAY IT'S BECAUSE HE'S AGITATED.

>> THIS WHOLE BUSINESS ABOUT
THE OFFICER'S SUBJECTIVE
MOTIVES AND WHAT THE OFFICER
IS THINKING AND HOW HE
EXPLAINS IT, DOES THAT REALLY
BEAR ON THE ANALYSIS HERE?
ISN'T THE ANALYSIS DETERMINED
BY WHAT A REASONABLE OFFICER
WOULD CONCLUDE BASED ON THE
CIRCUMSTANCES WITH WHICH HE IS
CONFRONTED?

ISN'T THAT THE ANALYSIS?
>> I THINK THAT'S RIGHT, BUT
THE OFFICER

>> THEN ALL THIS TALK ABOUT WHAT THE OFFICER THOUGHT IS BESIDE THE POINT.

>> BECAUSE THE OFFICER WAS BEING REASONABLE WHEN HE SAID WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THIS PERSON IS.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANTED.

THOSE ARE FACTS.

THOSE AREN'T HIS SUBJECTIVE BELIEF.

THOSE ARE FACTS THE TRIAL JUDGE HEARD.

THE TRIAL JUDGE BASED THE RULING ON THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THIS PERSON

WE KNOW THEY'RE NOT ACCOUNTABLE.

JUST BECAUSE THEY APPEAR IN PERSON, SO WHAT.

ALL THE REASONS YOU HOLD A CITIZEN ENCOUNTER TO BE

RELIABLE, THEY'RE ACCOUNTABLE, THEY'RE SUBJECT TO REPRISALS, ONE POINT AFTER ANOTHER. NONE OF THEM ARE HERE IN A CASE WHERE YOU DON'T KNOW THEIR IDENTITY AND THERE ARE NO OUTSIDE CORROBORATING FACTS.

>> WELL, I THOUGHT THAT IN FACT WHEN HE FIRST ENCOUNTERS HIM HE SAYS IT'S AGITATED. HE THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE. >> HE THOUGHT A JOKE WAS BEING PLAYED.

SO IF THERE'S ANY DEMEANOR EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER, THAT ACTUALLY MILITATES IN FAVOR OF THE DEFENSE.

THE OFFICER SAID I WENT TO INVESTIGATE NOT BECAUSE HE SEEMED LIKE A RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID THE PERSON WAS CALLING DISPATCH.

I WENT TO INVESTIGATE BECAUSE HE CALLED DISPATCH.

THIS COURT HELD AN ANONYMOUS CALL TO DISPATCH IS NOT REASONABLE FOR REASONABLE SUSPICION.

I DIDN'T FIND HIM RELIABLE BECAUSE I COULD SEE HIM. HE WAS AN ANONYMOUS TIPSTER. TO THAT EXTENT I BELIEVE A SUBJECTIVE BELIEF DIDN'T MATTER.

AS A MATTER OF LAW HE WAS BASING HIS REASON TO FIND HIM RELIABLE ON A SITUATION THAT AS A MATTER OF LAW IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THIS PERSON TO BE HELD RELIABLE. >> YOU WELL EXCEEDED YOUR

I'LL GIVE YOU AN ADDITIONAL ONE MINUTE ON REBUTTAL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MICHAEL MURVINE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

IN THIS CASE THE OFFICER WAS DRIVING HIS MARKED VEHICLE. HE WAS OFF DUTY WHEN THE INFORMANT JUMPED IN FRONT OF HIS CAR, AGITATED, EXCITED, ON THE TELEPHONE IN WITH 911. HE LEARNED HE WAS THE VICTIM OF AN AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM.

>> THAT IS FACTS MOST
FAVORABLE TO THE STATE.
THE STATE, THOUGH, LOST BEFORE
THE TRIAL COURT, SO I DON'T
UNDERSTAND HOW WE GO AS FAR AS
THE FACTS AND WHAT THE OFFICER
FIRST THOUGHT AND TURN IT TO
WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE FACTS
MOST FAVORABLE TO THE STATE AS
OPPOSED TO THAT THE TRIAL
COURT FOUND THAT DIFFERENT
FACTS.

SO I AGREE THAT YOU COULD SPIN IT THAT WAY, BUT YOU CAN ALSO SPIN IT THE OTHER WAY. AND DOESN'T THE STATE HAVE THE BURDEN TO PROVE THAT THERE WAS REASONABLE SUSPICION BASED ON A REASONABLE INFORMANT OR TIP OR VICTIM?

>> IT DOES, YOUR HONOR.
IT DOES.

>> SO, AGAIN, SO TELL ME WHY WE DON'T DEFER TO THE TRIAL JUDGE, WHO HEARD THE POLICE OFFICER AS TO WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS PERSON WHO HE DID NOT BELIEVE INITIALLY THAT HE WAS A VICTIM OF A CRIME. HE THOUGHT HE WAS JOKING. >> WHEN YOU REVIEW THE TRIAL COURT'S ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION TO SUPPRESS, THE COURT MISAPPLIED THE LAW BECAUSE WHAT THE COURT DID WAS EVALUATE THE TIPSTER. AND ONE OF THE FACTORS UPON WHICH THE COURT'S CONCLUSION THAT THE TIPSTER WAS UNRELIABLE WAS THE FACT THAT THE TIPSTER DID NOT REMAIN AT

McDONALD'S.

AS THIS COURT HAS INDICATED, THE SUPREME COURT HAS INDICATED IN J.L., THIS COURT INDICATED IN BAPIVITY V STATE, THE REASONABLENESS MIGHT BE BASED ON WHAT THE OFFICER KNEW AT THE TIME OF THE STOP. ALL THIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE INFORMANT NOT REMAINING THERE ALL OCCURRED AFTER THE SEIZURE.

>> SO ARE YOU TELLING US THAT ALL OF THE CASES WHERE IF THE INFORMANT IS NOT THERE ANYMORE WERE INCORRECTLY DECIDED?
BECAUSE IF HE SHOWED HIS FACE AT THE BEGINNING, THAT'S SUFFICIENT.

>> NO, YOUR HONOR.

>> IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING US?

>> NO, YOUR HONOR.

WELL, FIRST I'LL SAY THAT ALL OF THOSE CASES CITED BY THE DEFENSE, WHICH WERE SUPPOSEDLY IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THIS CASE, T.S., ARE FACTUALLY DISTINGUISHABLE BECAUSE ALL OF THOSE CASES THE INFORMANT EITHER SAID BY WORD OR ACTION THAT THEY WANTED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

THEY SAID I WANT TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS OR THEY LEFT THE SCENE PRIOR TO THE OFFICER CONDUCTING THE SEIZURE.

>> THIS ONE LEFT THE SCENE, SO CAN WE ASSUME THEN THAT HE WANTED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS?

>> NO.

THE OFFICER DIDN'T KNOW THAT AT THE TIME OF THE SEIZURE. AT THE TIME OF THE SEIZURE WHAT THE OFFICER KNEW WAS HE ENGAGED WITH THIS PERSON WHO HE CONCLUDED WAS CREDIBLE, HE TOLD HIM TO REMAIN THERE. THE PERSON DIDN'T TRY TO DISGUISE THEIR IDENTITY IN

THEY WAY.
THEY DIDN'T SAY, NO, I'M NOT
GOING TO REMAIN HERE.
AND FOR THOSE REASONS THE
OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THIS
SEIZURE BELIEVED THAT PERSON
WOULD REMAIN AND WOULD BE
ACCOUNTABLE.
>> BUT THE PROBLEM IS HE
CANNOT IDENTIFY HIM, NOR CAN

>> BUT THE PROBLEM IS HE CANNOT IDENTIFY HIM, NOR CAN HE ASCERTAIN HIS IDENTITY. NOW, IF HE WAS ON A 911 CALL, WHY COULDN'T HIS IDENTITY BE ASCERTAINED THROUGH A TELEPHONE NUMBER? WAS THAT KIND OF EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO THE TRIAL COURT? >> UNFORTUNATELY THAT WASN'T DEVELOPED IN THE SUPPRESSION HEARING, YOUR HONOR. HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT HE WAS ON THE 911 CALL WHILE SPEAKING WITH A POLICE OFFICER I WOULD SUBMIT TO THE COURT GOES TO THE FACT THAT THE OFFICER MIGHT HAVE REASONABLY BELIEVED THAT THAT 911 DISPATCHER WOULD HAVE OBTAINED THAT

>> HOW MUCH TIME ELAPSED FROM THE TIME THAT THE OFFICER OBTAINED THE INFORMATION AND WENT AFTER THE TWO INDIVIDUALS AND APPREHENDED THEM AND CAME BACK TO THE McDONALD'S AGAIN? >> APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35 MINUTES.

INFORMATION.

THIS OFFICER WAS OFF DUTY. HE WAS DRIVING AN OFFICIAL, MARKED PATROL VEHICLE. HOWEVER, HE HAD TO APPREHEND THIS PERSON.

HE HAD TO SAY THREE TIMES ARE YOU THE PERSON I'M SOMEONE HAS ALLEGED THAT YOU HAVE A GUN.

HE SAID THIS THREE TIMES TO T.S.

T.S. IGNORED HIM ALL THREE TIMES.

>> GOING BACK TO MY QUESTION, SO FOR ALL WE KNOW AND THERE'S NO RECORD EVIDENCE OF THIS THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE OR THE ALLEGED VICTIM IN THIS CASE COULD HAVE REMAINED AT THE McDONALD'S FOR 30 MINUTES WAITING FOR THE OFFICER TO GET BACK AND FINALLY JUST GAVE UP. >> EXACTLY. AND THIS McDONALD'S WAS THE SAME PLACE WHERE HE WAS THE VICTIM OF AN AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM. >> IS THIS AREA OF MIAMI REGARDED TO BE A HIGHCRIME AREA?

>> THAT WASN'T DEVELOPED IN THE RECORD, YOUR HONOR. >> THE WHOLE THING ABOUT HE COULD HAVE WAITED 30 MINUTES OR LEFT IMMEDIATELY, BUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, THE FACT THAT HE DOES NOT REMAIN IS DO WE DOES THAT FACTOR IN AT ALL? I'M TRYING TO SEE WHETHER I WOULD CERTAINLY SEE THIS DIFFERENTLY AS A TRIAL JUDGE BY LOOKING AT TOTALITY OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT IT WOULD BUTTRESS RELIABILITY THAT HE STAYED. NOW, THE DEFENSE IS SAYING,

NO, WHETHER HE STAYED OR NOT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER HE WAS RELIABLE AT THE TIME. SO WHERE DOES THAT FACTOR IN? YOU KNOW, YOU SAID THE JUDGE MISAPPLIED THE LAW BY LOOKING AT WHETHER HE LEFT OR NOT. HE COULD HAVE LEFT AFTER A SECOND OR HE COULD HAVE STAYED FOR 30 MINUTES. HE COULD HAVE LEFT HIS INFORMATION WITH McDONALD'S OR, YOU KNOW, COULD HAVE, ONCE THE PERSON WAS ARRESTED, HE

COULD HAVE COME FORWARD AND

SAY, OH, GOODNESS, YOU GOT THE PERSON THAT ASSAULTED ME. I MEAN, BUT THIS IS ALL SPECULATION.

>> WELL, THIS COURT IN BAPTISE V STATE ANALYZED FACTS WHICH MIGHT BE ANALOGOUS TO THIS SITUATION.

IN THAT CASE A PERSON COMPLAINED THAT A MAN WAS BEFORE A SUPERMARKET WAIVING A GUN.

THE POLICE ARRIVE, STOP HIM AT GUN POINT, DISCOVER THAT THERE IS A FIREARM ON THIS PERSON. >> HE WASN'T WAVING A GUN AT THAT TIME BECAUSE THEN THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A DIFFERENT CASE.

WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THAT PERSON IN BAPTISE THAT MADE THEM THINK THAT'S THE PERSON THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF THE ANONYMOUS TIP?

>> THERE WAS A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.

>> WASN'T IT LIKE BLUE JEANS AND A WHITE TSHIRT?

>> I BELIEVE SO.

>> WHICH IS, AGAIN,
DESCRIPTION HERE OF THESE TWO
PEOPLE ARE IT'S A BLACK HOODIE
AND SOME RED SHORTS AND BLUE
JEANS AND A WHITE TSHIRT,
WHICH PROBABLY COULD DESCRIBE,
YOU KNOW, HALF OF YOUNG PEOPLE
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, BLACK
OR WHITE.

I MEAN, AND THAT'S ANOTHER
THING ABOUT THE VAGUENESS OF
WHAT HE SAID IN IDENTIFYING
THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS, RIGHT?
HE COULD HAVE JUST PICKED THEM
OUT OF TO SAY I'M GOING TO
GO AFTER THOSE TWO PEOPLE.
>> WELL, THEY WERE WITHIN 200
FEET OF THE McDONALD'S.
>> WHAT WERE THEY DOING?
WERE THEY RUNNING?
>> NO.

I BELIEVE THEY WERE WALKING AND THEY WERE WALKING IN THE DIRECTION THE INFORMANT HAD INDICATED.

IF I COULD RETURN TO THE BAPTISE, AFTER THE SEIZURE THE PERSON APPROACHED THE POLICE AND SAID I'M THE PERSON WHO MADE THE CALL.

THIS COURT RULED THAT THE FACT THAT THAT PERSON APPROACHED POLICE AFTER THE SEIZURE DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE AT THAT POINT THE OFFICER'S DECISION TO STOP THE PERSON HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE ASSOCIATION THAT DOESN'T PLAY A ROLE. AS ONE OF YOUR HONORS INDICATED, THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS HERE WHICH GO TO THE

UPON.
ONE, IF THIS PERSON TRULY WAS
JUST TRYING TO BE TRYING TO
MAKE MISCHIEF OR JUST WANTED
TO HARASS THE PERSON, THEY
COULD HAVE LEFT IT AT THE

TELEPHONE CALL.

AND THERE.

MOTIVATION OF THE INFORMANT AND WHY THAT SHOULD BE RELIED

>> EXCEPT FOR WHAT WAS SAID, WHICH IS THAT IF YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO GET THEM I MEAN, I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT YOU LOOK AT THIS AS IF THERE COULDN'T BE A GANGRELATED ISSUE OR THEY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN A DRUG DEAL AND THIS GUY DECIDES I'M GOING TO GET THESE TWO.

IT'S NOT MORE LOGICAL THAT HE WAS A VICTIM OF A CRIME BASED ON BUT IF HE WANTED TO GET THEM, HE WOULD WANT TO TELL

>> HE HAD NO IDEA WHETHER THE OFFICER WAS GOING TO ASK FOR HIS INFORMATION, WHETHER THAT OFFICER WAS ON DUTY AND WOULD CALL BACKUP.

THAT POLICE OFFICER RIGHT THEN

IN DOING SO HE'S PLACING HIS OWN LIBERTY IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE HE WOULD BE COMMITTING A CRIME IF HE WERE GIVING A FALSE REPORT ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON.

>> I GUESS WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS SUPPLYING FACTS THAT ARE GOES TO MY INITIAL OUESTION.

YOU SAID THE REASON WE SHOULDN'T DEFER TO THE TRIAL COURT IS BECAUSE THE TRIAL COURT MISAPPLIED LAW.

IS THAT THE YOUR ARGUMENT? >> YES, YOUR HONOR.

>> 0KAY.

BUT THE TRIAL COURT ALSO MADE A DECISION THAT THE NATURE OF THE WAY THIS TIP WAS MADE WAS NOT RELIABLE.

I MEAN, BECAUSE ALL THIS
POLICE IF IT WAS A TRUE
VICTIM OF A CRIME, THE POLICE
OFFICER SAYS, MY GOODNESS,
SOMEBODY WHO HAD JUST BEEN
SHOT AT COMES TO ME, LOOKS
LIKE HE IS WHATEVER AND I WENT
OFF TO FIND THE TWO THAT HAD
JUST ROBBED THIS PERSON.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS
POLICE OFFICER SAID.
HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS A
JOKE.

I MEAN, I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE TRIAL COURT IF I'M THE TRIAL COURT, THAT INFLUENCES ME WHETHER I THINK THIS POLICE OFFICER ACTUALLY THOUGHT THE TIPSTER WAS RELIABLE.

>> WELL, A CLOSE EXAMINATION
OF THE POLICE OFFICER'S
TESTIMONY WAS INITIALLY HE
THOUGHT IT WAS A HOAX.
AGAIN, SOMEBODY JUMPS IN FRONT
OF HIS MARKED PATROL VEHICLE
ON A TELEPHONE.

HE SPOKE WITH HIM TWO MINUTES. DURING THAT TWO MINUTES HE SPOKE WITH A 911 OPERATOR. WHICH CORROBORATED WHAT THIS INFORMANT HAD TOLD HIM. AND AT THAT POINT >> I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT ENCOUNTER WITH THE PERSON WAS TWO MINUTES.

>> YES.

>> SO ARE WE NOW SAYING THAT IN TWO MINUTES THE GUY'S ON THE CELL PHONE, HE COULDN'T HAVE SAID AND PLEASE LEAVE YOUR LET ME GET YOUR INFORMATION.

IN OTHER WORDS, I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS SO HE WAITED TWO MINUTES AS OPPOSED TO RUNNING OFF TO FIND THE PERSON THAT HAD JUST ASSAULTED THIS GUY.

SO WHY WOULDN'T WHY IS THAT NOT REASONABLE THE POLICE OFFICER WOULDN'T SAY I NEED YOUR YOU KNOW, GIVE THE DISPATCHER YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IN CASE I DON'T COME BACK FOR A WHILE.

>> WELL, IN PERFECT HINDSIGHT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A SMART THING TO DO.

HOWEVER, HE WAS DEALING WITH SOMEONE WHO WAS SHAKEN, AGITATED.

HE WAS TRYING TO GET INFORMATION AS TO WHERE THIS PERSON WAS GOING, A DESCRIPTION, WHICH HE OBTAINED.

AND SOMEONE WAS DESCRIBING AN ULTERIOR FACT SCENARIO AND ONE WHICH REALLY MAKES THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE DEFENSE AND STATE POSITION WOULD BE IF SOMEONE UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES REPORTED TO A POLICE OFFICER I JUST SAW SOMEONE BEING DRAGGED INTO A CAR AND THE CAR IS DRIVING AWAY.

IF THE OFFICER FOUND THAT PERSON TO BE BELIEVABLE, IF

THEY CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS A CITIZEN INFORMANT, WOULD THE TERRY STOP THEREFORE BE NEGATED BECAUSE SOMEONE DIDN'T FILL OUT A VICTIM WITNESS STATEMENT, DIDN'T GET THE NAME?

BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY IN A
SITUATION LIKE THIS, PUTTING
ONE'S FEET IN THE SHOES OF THE
POLICE, YOU KNOW, IT'S A
QUICKLY UNFOLDING SITUATION.
>> IT'S REALLY NOT CRITICIZING
THE YOU KNOW, I THINK WE
GET TO THESE THINGS AND TRY TO
DO THE BALANCE, BECAUSE IF YOU
LOOK AT J.L., THEY GET THE
GUN, YOU KNOW.

THE MINOR OF COURSE THE MINOR NOW HAS I GUESS WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THIS CASE? HAS HE NOT BEEN PROSECUTED? >> NO.

THE SUPPRESSION ORDER WAS GRANTED.

HE APPEALED TO THE 3rd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THEY REVERSED.

HOWEVER, I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN REMANDED FOR TRIAL.

>> I SEE.

OKAY.

BUT HE'S THE CONSEQUENCE IS HIS GUN IS THIS GUN IS TAKEN AWAY.

SO NO ONE'S SAYING THAT THE ISSUE JUST IS WHETHER THE PERSON ALSO SHOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CRIME.

AND I GUESS MY POINT EARLY
EARLIER IS IF THE VICTIM HAD
STAYED ON THE SCENE TO SAY
THAT'S THE PERSON THAT
ASSAULTED ME, THERE STILL
COULD HAVE BEEN A PROSECUTION
FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND HIS
INITIAL COMMENT TO THE POLICE
OFFICER MAYBE COULD HAVE COME
IN AS AN EXCITED UTTERANCE.

SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED THE SEARCH TO BE ABLE TO PROSECUTE THIS DEFENDANT, RIGHT?

IF THE VICTIM HAD STAYED OR COME FORTH AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AND BEEN ABLE TO SAY AND IDENTIFY WHO THAT THOSE WERE THE PEOPLE THAT ASSAULTED HIM.

>> IF HE WERE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEM IN SOME WAY AND IF HE DESCRIBED THE FACTUAL SCENARIO HE DID AND IF HE WERE TO HAVE BEEN KNOWN BY THE POLICE, THEN THE STATE COULD HAVE PROCEEDED WITH A PROSECUTION BASED UPON THAT EVIDENCE.

>> AND THE PROBLEM THAT WE ALL HAVE, BECAUSE WE SEE SOMEBODY AND THEY END UP WITH THE GUN, RIGHT?

THEY HAVE THE GUN, SO WE GO, OKAY.

BUT THE SAME FACTUAL SCENARIO COULD BE APPLIED TO SOMEONE WALKING DOWN THE STREET IN AN AREA THAT IS NOT A HIGHCRIME AREA AND ALL OF A SUDDEN NEXT THING THEY KNOW A GUN IS BEING DRAWN ON THEM.

AND SO THAT'S WHERE WE KIND OF TRY HAVE TO STRIKE THE BALANCE BETWEEN WHETHER IT'S THE FRUIT YOU KNOW, THE SUPPRESSION IS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A VIOLATION OF THE 4TH AMENDMENT, NOT NECESSARILY CRITICIZING THE POLICE OFFICER FOR WHAT HE DID IN THAT 30MINUTE TIME PERIOD.

>> CORRECT.

AND IF MY IF MY QUESTION IMPLIED THAT ANYONE WAS CRITICIZING THE POLICE, I APOLOGIZE.

THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION. >> WOULD YOU GO BACK AND

RESPOND TO MY INITIAL QUESTION
TO YOUR TO THE DEFENDER IN
THIS CASE AND THAT IS
RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS NOT
CLEARLY IN THE FIT OF BAPTISE
AND J.L., WHAT IS IT ABOUT
THIS CASE?
WHICH FACTOR, FACT, FACTS,
MULTIPLES, WOULD DIRECT US
THAT THE LAW, 4TH AMENDMENT
LAW, IS IN FAVOR OF THE STATE
IN ALLOWING THIS TYPE OF
ENCOUNTER?
>> YOUR HONOR, UNDER THIS

>> YOUR HONOR, UNDER THIS COURT'S DECISION IN BAPTISE, UNDER THE FEDERAL SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN ILLINOIS V GATES, THE COURT MUST LOOK AT THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

>> RIGHT.

>> SO I WOULDN'T ARGUE THAT ONE FACT IN PARTICULAR JUSTIFIES

>> WELL, SOMETHING MUST TIP THE SCALE ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER.

WE HAVE THESE COMPETING INTERESTS.

>> TRUE.

>> AND THIS DOESN'T FIT NEATLY INTO ANY OF THOSE CASES, DOES IT?

>> THERE'S A CASE FROM THE 5TH DCS WHERE AN OFFICER WAS WORKING IN A DEPARTMENT STORE. HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN OFFICER.

THE CUSTOMER SAID
>> BUT IN THAT CASE THE
OFFICER COULD SEE WHAT WAS
GOING ON WHILE HE WAS TALKING
WITH THE CITIZEN INFORMANT.
>> HE WALKED OUTSIDE AND
POINTED TO HIM, RIGHT?
>> TRUE.

>> RESPECTFULLY, I THINK
THAT'S SORT OF STRETCHING IT
TO SAY THAT THAT'S RIGHT ON
POINT.

>> WELL

>> ISN'T MCCALVIN I'M READING FROM PAGE 405 OF MCKELLANN.

THE INDICIA OF RELIABLE DO NOT EXIST IN THE PRESENT CASE WHERE THE POLICE HAVE NO CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE INFORMANT AND NO WAY TO LOCATE HIM, HER OTHERWISE.

FURTHER, IN THE INSTANT CASE THE OFFICERS DID NOT KNOW THE MOTIVE OF THE INFORMANT.

THEY COULD HAVE BEEN

PROVIDING THE INFORMATION FOR THEIR OWN GAIN, MAY HAVE BEEN FALLING OUT WITH THE DEFENDANT OR MAY HAVE BEEN ACTING ON BEHALF OF A COMPETING DRUG

DEALER.
DID I READ THAT OUT OF

CONTEXT?
DOES THAT NOT SEEM TO SUPPORT
EXACTLY THE FACTS OF THIS
CASE?

YET THE 3rd DISTRICT REACHES A
DIFFERENT CONCLUSION?
>> NO. YOUR HONOR. BECAUSE IN

>> NO, YOUR HONOR, BECAUSE IN THAT CASE THE INFORMANT SAID THAT HE OR SHE WANTED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

THE OFFICER KNEW THAT.

THE OFFICER KNEW THE

INFORMANT'S POSITION PRIOR TO THE STOP.

THAT IS NOT THE CASE HERE.
THE CASE HERE IS THE OFFICER
AT THE TIME OF THE STOP
BELIEVED THAT THIS INFORMANT
WOULD BE AT McDONALD'S 30
MINUTES LATER.

>> BUT THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL FACT.

BUT IN WHAT THE 4TH DISTRICT SAID, THEY SAID THE IMPORTANCE WAS IS THAT THERE WAS NO CONTACT INFORMATION AND NO WAY TO ASCERTAIN THE IDENTITY OF THE DEFENDANT.

ALL THIS OFFICER HAD TO DO WAS

JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, WAIT HERE. LET ME HAVE YOUR NAME AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION OR GIVE THAT TO THE DISPATCHER. >> TRUE.

AND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN
THE CASES IS THAT IN MCCALVIN
AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER CASES
THE OFFICERS KNEW THAT THEY
WOULD NEVER GET THAT
INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE STOP.
THAT IS NOT THE CASE HERE.
HE DID BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD
GET T. AND BACK TO JUSTICE
LEWIS'S QUESTION, THERE ARE
THREE FACTORS: MOTIVATION,
ACCOUNTABILITY AND
CREDIBILITY.

- >> DID THE OFFICER SAY HE THOUGHT HE WOULD GET THAT INFORMATION?
- >> YES, HE DID.
- >> SO HE BELIEVED THAT THE DEFENDANT, DESPITE EVERYTHING I MEAN NOT THE DEFENDANT, THE VICTIM.
- HE BELIEVED THAT THE VICTIM WAS GOING TO STAY AT THE SCENE.
- >> YES.
- I DID NOT TAKE THE WITNESS'S INFORMATION BECAUSE OF THE TIME LAMBS.
- I WAS WORRIED THAT I WOULDN'T CATCH THE SUSPECTS.
- SO I IMMEDIATELY LEFT.
- I FIGURED THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE INFORMATION AND THAT HE WOULD STAY AT McDONALD'S BECAUSE I TOLD HIM TO BE THERE.
- I'M PARAPHRASING, BUT IT'S ON PAGE 17 OF THE TRANSCRIPT. RETURNING TO THOSE THREE FACTORS, IN MY LAST MINUTE, MOTIVATION, AGAIN, THE INFORMANT IN THIS CASE PUT HIS OWN FREEDOM IN JEOPARDY BY PLACING HIMSELF IN POSSIBLE

>> AND HOW DID HE DO THAT? HE PLACED HIMSELF IN JEOPARDY BY WHAT?

>> IF IT WERE FALSE, BY MAKING

>> FACETOFACE.

>> BY MAKING A FALSE TIP.
WHEN HE MADE THAT FALSE TIP IN
PERSON, HE HAD NO WAY OF
KNOWING THAT THE OFFICER
WOULDN'T SAY, HEY, COME WITH
ME WHILE I GET HIM.
HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT
THE OFFICER WOULD SAY I'M
GOING TO CALL MY BACKUP SO
THEY CAN GET YOUR INFORMATION.
>> SO THAT'S THINGS THAT MAY
HAVE HAPPENED, BUT WE DON'T
KNOW.

>> THE VICTIM DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY FAVORS.

HE DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY MONEY. AGAIN, WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE MOTIVATION.

THERE'S NO INDICATION THAT THERE WAS ANY BAD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE PEOPLE.

>> YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THERE WAS BECAUSE HE DISAPPEARED.

I MEAN, YOU KNOW, THE IDEA THAT HE'S THE ISSUE IS RELIABILITY.

>> TRUE.

>> RIGHT?

ANYWAY, I'M BUT THE MOTIVATION IS WE WON'T KNOW IT BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT VICTIM DIDN'T REMAIN.

>> THAT IS TRUE.

>> DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

>> HE ANSWERED.

HE SAID THAT'S TRUE.

>> THANK YOU.

I WOULD ASK THE COURT TO AFFIRM THE 3rd DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL.

THANK YOU.

>> REBUTTAL?

>> IN RESPONSE TO YOUR

QUESTION, HERE'S WHAT TIPS THE SCALES IN FAVOR OF THE DEFENSE.

IF OFFICERS ARE GOING TO DO FULLBLOWN TERRY STOPS IN RESPONSE TO A TIP, PULL THEIR WEAPONS BEFORE ASKING ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, AT MINIMUM THEY NEED TO HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT THE TIP THAT THEY RECEIVED IS TRUE.

IT'S NOT AN UNDUE BURDEN TO REQUIRE POLICE OFFICERS TO DO THE VERY MINIMUM AT LEAST OF ASKING FOR A NAME OR SOME IDENTIFICATION.

IF THE RULE IS THE OFFICER
DOESN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING,
DOESN'T HAVE TO ASCERTAIN
THEIR IDENTITY, FIGURE OUT IF
THERE'S ANY CORROBORATION, AS
LONG AS THEY GET THE TIP, THEY
CAN PULL A WEAPON ON SOMEONE,
THAT IS NOT GOOD POLICE
PRACTICE OR PUBLIC POLICY.
THE RULE SHOULD BE IF A
OFFICER IS GOING TO THREATEN
TO BLOW SOMEONE'S HEAD OFF,
THEY SHOULD HAVE RELIABLE

THE OFFICER TOLD US DIDN'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT HIM, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS MOTIVATED BY.

THERE'S NOT EVEN DEMEANOR
TESTIMONY WHICH IS ONE OF THE
MAIN REASONS WE FIND
FACETOFACE TIPSTERS
RELIABLE.

>> LET ME ASK YOU THIS.
4TH AMENDMENT DOESN'T PROHIBIT
ALL SEARCHES AND SEIZURES.
IT PROHIBITS ONLY WHAT?

>> UNREASONABLE.

>> EXACTLY.

INFORMATION.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> WHY IS IT NOT REASONABLE FOR A POLICE OFFICER, AS THIS OFFICER RESPONDED, I ASSUMED THAT THE MAN WAS GOING TO WAIT THERE, THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING AWAY.

I WENT AFTER THE BAD GUY.
I HAD NO REASON TO SUSPECT
THAT HE'S GOING TO LEAVE.
HE'S ON THE PHONE WITH
HEADQUARTERS.

AND MY JOB IS TO APPREHEND.
WHY IS IT UNREASONABLE
OPERATING ON I THOUGHT THAT
HE'S GOING TO BE THERE?
BECAUSE HE WAS THERE WHEN HE
GAVE ME THE INFORMATION.
WHY IS THAT AN UNREASONABLE
SEIZURE?

>> BECAUSE I THINK THE ANALYSIS FOR WHETHER THE OFFICER WAS REASONABLE IN THINKING HE WOULD STAY THERE IS THE SAME FOR WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE TIP WAS RELIABLE. BUT THE OFFICER TOLD US HE HAD NO REASON TO THINK THE TIP WAS RELIABLE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THIS PERSON WAS THERE FOR, WHAT HE WAS DOING, WHO HE WAS, KNEW THE PERSON COULDN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. SO IF HE CAN'T BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE TIP HE GAVE, WHY WOULD HE BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR LEAVING THE SCENE OF THE CRIME? THE OFFICER TOLD US I DON'T KNOW.

THE REASON IS THE OFFICERS DIDN'T DO THE BAER MINIMUM OF FIGURING OUT WHO THIS PERSON WAS OR WHAT HE WANTED. FOR US TO NOW BE IN THE POSITION WHERE WE HAVE TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THE OFFICER HAD ASKED

>> THIS IS WHAT BOTHERS ME, AND I'VE DONE A LOT OF THESE MOTIONS.

WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO DISSECT WHAT HAPPENED THERE, KIND OF THE WAY WE LOOK AT THE FILM IN THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, ONE

FRAME AT A TIME. THIS IS HAPPENING VERY RAPIDLY. WHAT MORE DOES THE OFFICER NEED TO KNOW THAN THE PERSON SAY I'M AT McDONALD'S, I WENT TO THE BATHROOM AND THESE PEOPLE PULLED A GUN ON ME? WHAT MORE DOES HE NEED TO KNOW FOR IT TO BE REASONABLE? YOUR ADDRESS? YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? YOUR DATE OF BIRTH? ALL THOSE THINGS BEFORE IT BECOMES REASONABLE? >> ANY ADDITIONAL FACT THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT IT WAS TRUE AND NOT JUST A LIE USED TO IMPLICATE THE DEFENDANT. AND IN ALL THE FACES WHERE A FACETOFACE ENCOUNTER WASN'T SUFFICIENT THERE HAVE BEEN ADDITIONAL FACTS. THE PERSON IS ACTING IN SHOCK. THEY'RE SHAKING. THE CRIME IS HAPPENING AT THE PERSON IS THERE WITH THE OFFICER POINTING. THIS IS A HIGHCRIME AREA. >> HE SAYS HE SEEMS AGITATED. HE JUMPS OUT IN FRONT OF THE OFFICER'S CAR. THE OFFICER IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT IS. BUT THERE ARE OBJECTIVE CIRCUMSTANCES HERE TO INDICATE THAT THIS GUY IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT TRYING TO REPORT SOMETHING TO THE POLICE. AND JUMPING IN FRONT OF A POLICE CAR, THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE KIND OF ADDITIONAL FACT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, YOU COULD FIND IT RIGHT THERE. >> BUT IT DOESN'T, YOUR HONOR, BECAUSE THAT ONLY INDICATES THIS PERSON REALLY WANTED TO GIVE THIS TIP. MAYBE HE REALLY WANTED TO IMPLICATE THE JUVENILE.

THE PROBLEM IS AGAIN WE DON'T KNOW BECAUSE THE OFFICER DIDN'T DO THE FIRST THING TO FIGURE OUT IF WHAT THIS PERSON SAID WAS TRUE.

- >> THANK YOU FOR YOUR ARGUMENT.
- >> THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- >> COURT IS ADJOURNED.
- >> ALL RISE.