

"Relevant Facts Pertaining to Case 2025-000197"

1. Under South Carolina and Federal Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence, a traffic stop becomes an unreasonable seizure if an officer abandons or unreasonably prolongs the "mission" of the stop - addressing the traffic violation - to investigate other crimes (such as a potential firearm crime) without developing independent reasonable suspicion.
2. If the officer never completes the original traffic mission (e.g., fails to issue a citation or warning) and instead detains the driver solely to investigate a suspected gun crime without sufficient, articulable, and independent suspicion, this is a central issue in suppressing evidence on direct appeal.
3. If the driver removed a firearm from a glovebox solely to retrieve registration, and an officer subsequently investigates the weapon rather than completing the traffic stop this constitutes an unconstitutional extension of the detention.

4. Under South Carolina's constitutional carry laws, the presence of a firearm in a glove box does not on its own, provide reasonable suspicion of a crime.
5. A stop is limited to the time required to complete the mission, which includes checking driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance, and issuing a citation.
6. The central issue is whether the officer abandoned the traffic mission for a warrantless, unjustified investigation rendering the subsequent seizure "Fruit of the Poisonous Tree".
7. On this direct Appeal, the focus is on whether the officer "diligently pursued" the traffic mission. If the officer diverted from that mission without new, articulable facts justifying a reasonable suspicion of a firearm crime, the seizure is unconstitutional.

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