

Class 10: Automobiles And Containers

Admin

Next Time: 286-97

Last Time

Pretext Whren

Supremes 1996

Facts

Plainclothes officers in unmarked car

Patrolling "high drug area" of DC

Pathfinder; temporary plates; youthful occupants; driver looking down at passenger; 20 seconds at stop sign.

Unexpected police U-Turn spurred "violations"

Plain-view observation of crack cocaine

Held

Reasoning

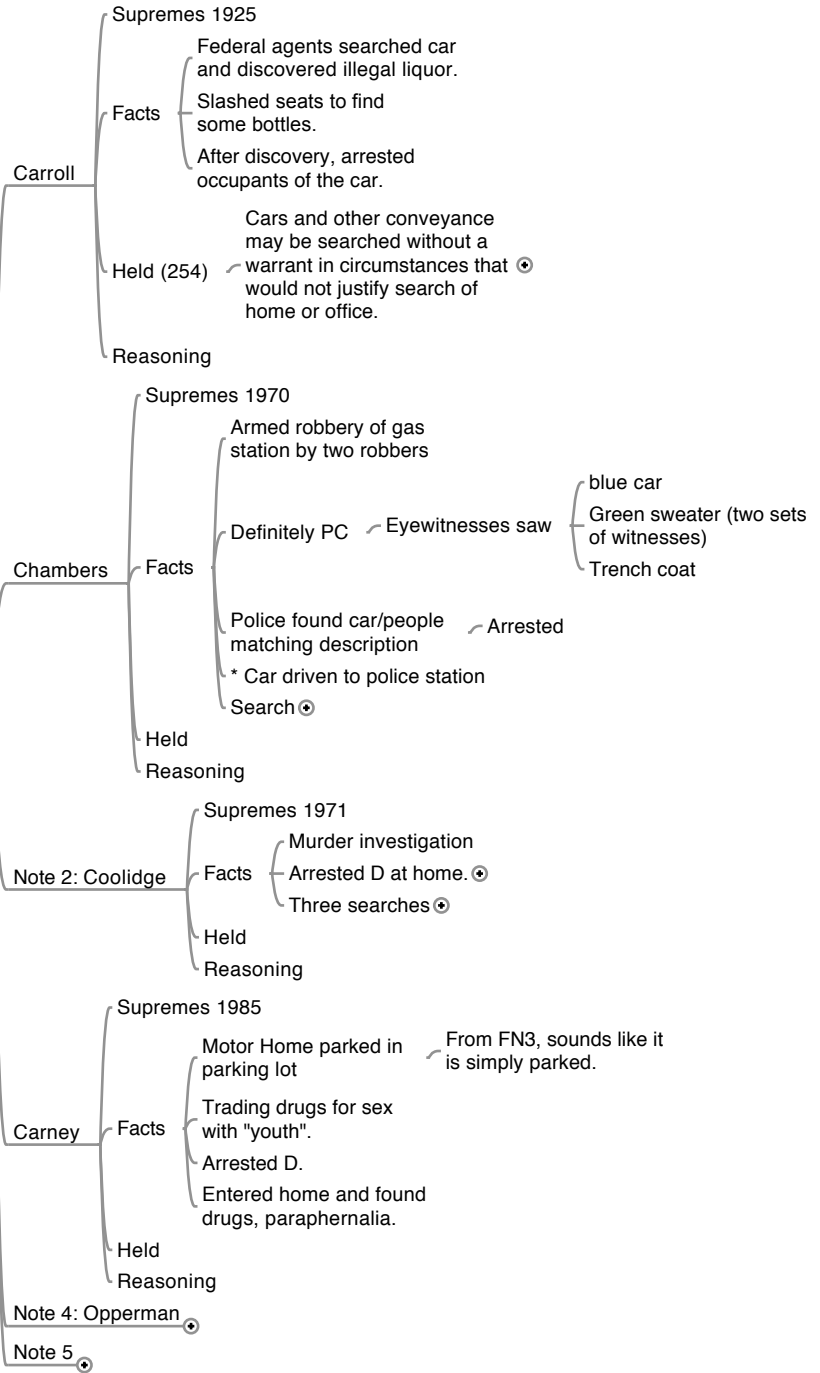
Key: DC police regulations allowed unmarked/plainclothes enforcement of traffic laws "only in the case of a violation that is so grave as to pose an immediate threat to the safety of others"

Right turn without signaling
"unreasonable" speed.
List of laws on 247.

Not a Belton search

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Automobile Exception



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Closed Containers and Cars

Transition

Containers

Just walking down the street, carrying a purse on your shoulder. Police have PC that purse contains cocaine. Any distinction if you throw the purse in your trunk?

Supremes 1977

Amtrak officials see two load brown footlocker onto train in San Diego, bound for Boston

Unusually heavy
Leaking talcum powder (used to throw off scent of marijuana)

Called feds.

Two days later, agents waiting for train in Boston

No warrants.
But police dog
Dog signaled controlled substance inside.

Chadwick

Facts

D joined two from train. Together, carried it to D's waiting car. Put footlocker into open trunk. Engine not yet started, all three arrested, keys obtained from one of them. Stored securely at station. 1.5 hours later, footlocker and luggage opened without warrant.

Held

Reasoning

Note 7: Sanders +

Note 9: Robbins +

Also Note 9: Ross +

Acevedo +