

>> WE WILL NOW TAKE 21.1450.
>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT,
CHRISTINE GARRITY ON BEHALF OF
PETITIONERS, I WOULD LIKE TO
RESERVE FOUR MINUTES OF MY TIME
FOR REBUTTAL.

IN THIS CASE, THE COURT WAS
ASKED TO DECIDE WHAT STANDARD
APPELLATE COURTS SHOULD USE TO
REVIEW PRETRIAL IDENTIFICATION
PROCEDURES FOR BEING
UNNECESSARILY SUBJECTIVE.
THE MOST APPROPRIATE STANDARD,
THE BEST ADDRESSES THE ULTIMATE
PURPOSE UNDERLYING THE
SUPPRESSION WHICH IS TO ENSURE
IMPROPER POLICE CONDUCT DOES NOT
RESULT IN INJURY HEARING
EVIDENCE OF IDENTIFICATION FOR
SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD THE
IDENTIFICATION IS INCORRECT.

I INTEND ON ARGUING THREE POINTS
IN SUPPORT OF THIS.

THE REVIEW CREATES CONSISTENCY
AND UNIFORMITY IN THE
APPLICATION OF LAW BY ENSURING
DIFFERENT COURTS JUDGING
SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FACTS DO
NOT REACH DIFFERENT OUTCOMES.
JUST AS IMPORTANT, A BODY OF
CASE LAW PROVIDES LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH MORE
PRECISE STANDARD OF WHAT
PROCEDURES ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY
ACCEPTABLE.

OFFICERS WHO RELY ON THOSE
PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN
IDENTIFICATION THAT WILL NOT
LATER BE SUPPRESSED.

THE TRIAL COURT IS NOT IN A
BETTER POSITION IN THE APPELLATE
COURT TO APPLY THE
CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES TO THE
FACT OF THE CASE.

>> TO MAKE FACTUAL FINDINGS?
WHAT ABOUT TO MAKE FACTUAL
FINDINGS?

>> THE STANDARD IS FACTUAL
FINDINGS ARE REVIEWED FOR
SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE IN THE
RECORD.

>> YOU AGREE THE TRIAL COURT IS
IN BETTER POSITION TO MAKE

THOSE.

>> TO MAKE FACTUAL FINDINGS LIKE

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>> HELP ME UNDERSTAND A
DIFFERENT STANDARD, IN THE PHOTO
LINEUP.

IN A PHOTO LINEUP, TRADITIONALLY
REVIEWED DISCRETION.

>> OP REAL TRIAL IDENTIFICATION
STANDARDS SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

>> NOT JUST WITH RESPECT TO SHOW
UP BUT ALL PRETRIAL
IDENTIFICATION.

>> IT WAS AN ALTERATION IN THE
LAW, THE COURT IS DETERMINED.
THE OVERVIEW IS APPROPRIATE TO
SHOW UP.

>> THE STATE MAY OR MAY NOT
AGREE WITH YOUR READING.
THEY GOT THE CORRECT READING OF
WALTON.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CLARIFY AT
STEP ONE ON THE UNNECESSARILY
SUBJECTIVE THE COURT IS SUPPOSED
TO BE LOOKING AT BECAUSE THERE
IS SOME AMBIGUITY IN CASE LAW AS
TO WHETHER IT ACCEPTS THE
PREMISE THAT A SHOWOFF IS
SUGGESTIVE AND ASK WHETHER IT
WAS NECESSARY VERSUS AN ANALYSIS
THAT IS LIKE THE FOURTH DCA,
LOOKING AT WHATEVER HAPPENED,
DOING THIS AMORPHOUS ASSESSMENT
OF WHAT THE COURT THINKS OF THE
PROPRIETY OF WHAT WAS DONE.

>> IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IT IS
SUGGESTIVE IS NOT A FACT IN AND
OF ITSELF.

IT IS A CONCLUSION DRAWN FROM
HISTORICAL FACTS THE TRIAL COURT
FINDS.

THIS COURT DETERMINED THE SHOW
UP -- SUGGESTIVE.

THEY ARE JUST GIVING THE WITNESS
ONE CHOICE OF A PERSON TO CHOOSE
FROM.

IT WOULD STAND TO REASON IN A
CASE LIKE THIS WHERE THERE'S
ANOTHER POTENTIAL SUSPECT
SHOWING THE WITNESS THE SUSPECT
AS WELL WOULD REDUCE THE
SUGGESTIVENESS.

THE DISTRICT COURT ACKNOWLEDGED

A CLOSE CALL, WAS SUGGESTIVE.
IT CITED TO THE WALTON OPINION,
BUT APPLIED ABUSIVE STANDARD.

>> DID IT REALLY IN THE SENSE
THAT IT SEEMS THE TRIAL COURT
COULD BE READ AS HAVING STEP ONE
WAS MET AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO
LOOK AT THE RELIABILITY OF THE
IDENTIFICATION WHEREAS IT SEEMS
THE FOURTH DCA PREEMPTED THE
DECISION AT STEP ONE.

AND SUBSTITUTED ITS OWN VIEW OF
WHAT THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION
WAS.

>> I DON'T READ THE TRIAL
COURT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE FACTS
AS FINDING THAT INITIAL PROBLEM.
THE COURT SAID THAT IT WAS
STRUGGLING TO MAKE THAT
DETERMINATION BECAUSE THEY ARE
INHERENTLY SUGGESTIVE AND DIDN'T
BEGIN WITH ANALYZING, IT JUMPED
TO THE SECOND ONE.

>> THE ONE POINT -- THE FACT
THAT TWO DEFENDANTS WITH SIMILAR
IDS, THE DEFENDANT BROUGHT DOWN,
THEY CHOSE NOT TO SHOW THE
SECOND DEFENDANT TO SEE IF THEY
COULD IDENTIFY HIM.

WAS THAT THE STRONGEST POINT DCA
HAD FOR HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT
THIS?

THE FACT THAT NIXON WAS NOT
BROUGHT DOWN --

>> I THINK THAT IS ACCURATE.
THE CASE LAW ESTABLISHED THINGS
LIKE THE SUSPECT BEING
SURROUNDED BY POLICE OFFICERS,
NOT IN AND OF THEMSELVES
INDICATIVE OF UNNECESSARY
SUGGESTIVENESS.

THE ADDITIONAL FACT IS SOMEBODY
AT THE SCENE MATCHED THE
DESCRIPTION, THE INITIAL
DESCRIPTION THE WITNESS GAVE AND
ALSO THE ADDED DETAILS SHE MADE
AT THE SHOW UP PROCEDURE.

>> DO YOU THINK THERE'S A
POSSIBILITY STEP ONE AND STEP 2
ACT DIFFERENT ENOUGH TO CALL FOR
DIFFERENT STANDARDS OF REVIEW?
STEP ONE IS MORE POLICY, AND
WHAT COURTS THINK IS APPROPRIATE
POLICE CONDUCT TO.

IT SEEMS LIKE STEP 2 IS CALLED APPLICATION BUT VERY CLOSE TO A FACTUAL DETERMINATION, WHETHER THE ID IS RELIABLE AND ON THAT ISSUE THERE IS 0 INSTITUTIONAL ADVANTAGE OVER THE TRIAL COURT, LOOKING AT THAT QUESTION.

>> I AGREE THE WEIGHING OF TOTALITY OF CIRCUMSTANCES IS PRETTY CLEARLY AN ANALYSIS THAT

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>> THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I SAID ACTUALLY.

THE SECOND STEP, ESSENTIALLY BORDERLINE FACTUAL FINDING, TECHNICALLY CONSIDERED AN APPLICATION OF BROAD FACTS BUT NOT ALL APPLICATIONS ARE EQUAL. SOME ARE CLOSER TO PURE FACT FINDINGS.

THIS ONE SEEMS VERY FACT HEAVY AND MORE APPROPRIATELY THE DISCRETION OF THE TRIAL COURT. THE FIRST STEP ONE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT IS IN THE SAME CATEGORY.

>> STEP ONE IS NOT IN THE SAME CATEGORY AND THERE ARE SEVERAL PRACTICAL REASONS THAT IS SO.

THE FIRST IS THE DENOVO REVIEWS AN ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION SO TRIAL COURTS NO WHERE THEY SHOULD DRAW THE LINE WHEN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SUPPRESS THE EVIDENCE.

AS --

>> GIVEN THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE FACTS ARE GOING TO BE SO UNIQUE, UNDER DISCRETION THE APPELLATE COURTS CAN IDENTIFY OUTLIERS AND WRITE THEIR OPINIONS IN A WAY THAT CLARIFIES THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IS LEGALLY AT STAKE.

IT DOESN'T SEEM THE CONSISTENCY THING IS THAT PERSUASIVE.

THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE OVERLAP FACTUALLY THAN WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE THE REALITY THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE SO MANY VARIABLES IN THESE CASES.

I DON'T KNOW YOU WILL HAVE THAT MUCH PRESIDENTIAL VALUE FROM WHAT THE APPEALS COURT.

>> THERE IS NOT A FACTUAL OVERLAP, THE IDENTIFICATION

PROCEDURES.

THE LIMITED VARIABLES --
VARIABLES IN THE PROCEDURE
ITSELF.

IN THE REALM OF WHAT IS COMMON,
THE SAME FACTUAL SCENARIO WILL
OCCUR IN THE FUTURE WHICH IS
WHEN MR.

ZAVION ALAHAD WAS FOUND HE WAS
FOUND WITH ONE OTHER PERSON WHO
MATCHED THE EYEWITNESSES
DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE.

WHAT THE SHOOTER LOOKED LIKE.

THAT WAS THIS MAN NIXON.

THAT'S NOT SUCH A FAR-FETCHED
FACTUAL SCENARIO THAT IS NOT
LIKELY TO OCCUR AGAIN.

IN THE SENSE WHEN THE APPELLATE
COURT'S REVIEW ON SPECIFIC
FACTS, THAT DOES GIVE THE TRIAL
COURT SOME DIRECTION ON HOW THEY
SHOULD BE LOOKING AT SIMILAR
FACTS.

WHEN THEY ARE ARGUING ON ANY
LEGAL ISSUE BUT PARTICULARLY
SUPPRESSION ISSUES IT IS ALWAYS
COMPARING ONE CASE AND THE FACTS
OF THAT CASE TO WHAT IS GOING ON
IN THIS CASE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE
THAT LINE IS.

>> SEEMS TO ME THERE ARE CERTAIN
LEVELS, TALKING ABOUT FACTS
WHERE THE TRIAL COURT,
SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT
FACTUAL FINDINGS.

IT SEEMS ON DENOVO YOU ARE
LOOKING AT SUBSTANTIVE LAW.

SHOW UP, LAWFUL AT ALL.

IS IT CONSTITUTIONAL.

IT SEEMS THE DENOVO
DETERMINATION AS A MATTER OF
LAW.

WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT
SOMETHING YOU SHOULD CONSIDER TO
BE UNNECESSARILY SUBJECTIVE IN
THE GRANT CASE.

THERE ARE 5 FACTORS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER SOMETHING IS SUGGESTIVE
OR NOT.

WHAT IS DETERMINED IN MAKING THE
LAWFUL DETERMINATION SHOULD BE A
DENOVO REVIEW COMMITTEE, WHAT
THAT IS.

WHEN YOU GO TO THOSE FIVE

FACTORS TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION IN THE TRIAL, THE TRIAL COURT MAKES THAT DETERMINATION WHY ISN'T THAT AN APPLICATION TO THOSE FACTS IN THE TRIAL COURT, SHOULD BE MAKING THAT DETERMINATION AND WE EXTEND REVIEW TO THAT.

>> ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT THE SECOND PRONG OF THE TEST, THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES?

>> WHEN THE TRIAL COURT REVIEWS THE FACTORS TO BE DETERMINED, WHETHER THIS WAS MISLEADING OR NOT, WHY ISN'T THE TRIAL COURT DETERMINATION OF ALL THOSE FACTORS SUBJECT TO ABUSE OF DISCRETION STANDARD REVIEW? AS OPPOSED TO DENOVO?

>> AGAIN, ARE YOU ASKING ME, THE COURT'S FACTUAL FINDINGS? OR MAKING THE CONCLUSION THAT WAS UNNECESSARILY SUBJECTIVE?

>> THE CONCLUSION THE TRIAL COURT REACHED BASED ON ALL THE FACTORS THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AT?

>> IT SHOULD BE DENOVO, TO GIVE, AS I SAID EARLIER, CONSISTENCY AND UNIFORMITY NOT ONLY TO THE TRIAL COURTS WHEN THEY ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT IS THAT LEGAL STANDARD, WHERE THAT LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN, BUT ALSO BECAUSE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RELY ON WHAT THE COURTS TELL THEM IS LAWFUL OR UNLAWFUL PROCEDURE WHEN THEY ARE COLLECTING EVIDENCE IN THE FIRST PLACE AND POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NEED TO BE ABLE TO RELY ON THE OBJECTIVE LINE THAT IS DRAWN.

>> WHAT IS THE STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR A TRIAL COURT'S DETERMINATION REGARDING PROBABLE CAUSE?

>> THE APPELLATE COURTS REVIEW THAT.

>> THE NEXT STANDARD, HISTORICAL FACTS.

>> ON COMPETENT SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE FACT AND THEY REVIEW APPLICATION OF THE

LAW.
WHEN TALKING ABOUT A WARRANTLESS
SEARCH PROCEDURE.

>> THE COURT IN TERMS -- COURTS
COULD, UNDISPUTED AUTHORITY ON
QUESTIONS OF LAW.

APPELLATE COURTS COULD ANNOUNCE
RULES, LEGAL RULES AS IT IS PER
SE A VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS
WHEN POLICE ARE FACED WITH TWO
SUSPECTS WHO ARE CLOSE ENOUGH, A
VIOLATION TO PRESENT TO THE
PERSON OR VIOLATION OF DUE
PROCESS TO PUT THEM IN
HANDCUFFS.

THOSE ARE LEGAL RULES, RIGHT?

>> YES.

>> THIS KIND OF AMORPHOUS,
UNNECESSARILY SUGGESTIVE, NOT
ONLY DEPRIVES THE LEGAL ROLES,
WITH FACTUAL DETERMINATION.
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE LEGAL
RULE BEING APPLIED AT STEP ONE,
IT GOES TO RELIABILITY.

A SET OF FACTORS TO DEFINE WAS
UNNECESSARILY SUGGESTIVE.

>> WITH FOURTH AMENDMENT ISSUES,
THERE IS NO SPECIFIC FACTOR
TEST.

IT REALLY IS WHETHER THE
CONSTITUTIONAL STANDARD, IS
DETERMINED BY APPLICATION OF THE
LAW TO THE FACTS, THE COURT'S
JUDGMENT THAT IS UNNECESSARILY
SUGGESTIVE.

AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, I THINK
DENOVO REVIEW PROVIDES THE
PARTIES WITH TOOLS THAT THEY CAN
USING REAL-TIME TO MAKE THAT
CALL AND I SPECIFICALLY MEAN
POLICE OFFICERS.

>> HOW IS THIS DETERMINATION
DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THE TRIAL
COURT DOES WHEN IT WAYS THROUGH
THE UNFAIR PREJUDICE VERSUS
PRIVATIVE VALUE EVIDENCE WHICH
THEY DO ALL THE TIME.

CREDIBILITY, RELIABILITY,
DETERMINATION, ALWAYS REVIEWED
BY ABUSE OF DISCRETION.

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT?

>> IN THIS CASE WE ARE TALKING
ABOUT LARGER CONSTITUTIONAL
PRINCIPLE AND A LINE THE POLICE

CANNOT CROSS AS OPPOSED TO A JUDGMENT CALL ABOUT WHETHER SOMETHING IS RELEVANT OR UNFAIRLY PREJUDICIAL. SO THAT DETERMINATION OF A 403 ANALYSIS CAN ONLY BE MADE BY ABUSE OF DISCRETION. WHEN TALKING ABOUT A SUPPRESSION ISSUING A CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS THERE NEEDS TO BE A CLEAR LINE POLICE KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO CROSS. THE ONLY WAY THAT CAN REALLY BE CREATED IS APPELLATE COURTS ENGAGE IN DENOVO REVIEW WHICH NOT ONLY TELLS THEM WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR BUT ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR. >> DOWN TO 2 MINUTES. >> I WILL RESERVE THE REST OF MY TIME. >> MR. CHIEF JUSTICE, MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, BEFORE THIS CAN BE A PROPERLY APPLIED TO THIS QUESTION, I WOULD LIKE TO START AT THE TOP BY CLARIFYING OUR POSITION IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS, WE DO AGREE WITH JUSTICE PAULSON THAT THERE IS A DENOVO REVIEW OF SUBSIDIARY QUESTIONS, TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE ASKED THE SUBSTANTIVE STANDARD FOR PRONG ONE AND I AGREE WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A TEST FOR PRONG ONE, WHETHER WE DO WITH PRONG 2 OR NOT BUT COURTS EVEN APPLYING ABUSE OF DISCRETION REVIEW AND ANNOUNCE FACTORS THEY FIND, THE END OF THE DAY APPLYING THOSE FACTORS THEY WILL DEFER WHERE TRIAL JUDGE APPLICATION IS REASONABLE SO DOING DISCRETION REVIEW A COURT MIGHT SAY WHEN CONSIDERING IT IS SUGGESTIVE YOU LOOK AT THINGS LIKE WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS WHO FIT THE DESCRIPTION. THAT'S THE KIND OF FACTOR YOU WOULD LOOK AT DENOVO TO ASK IF IT IS A MATTER OF LAW SO YOU GET LAW CLARIFICATION EVEN UNDER THE

ABUSE OF DISCRETION REVIEW
STANDARD WE WERE ADVOCATING FOR
BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, ASK
WHAT THE TRIAL JUDGE DID AND THE
BALANCE WAS REASONABLE RATHER
THAN WHETHER IT IS WHAT YOU
YOURSELVES WOULD HAVE DONE.

>> WE AGREE, HOW DO YOU WIN THIS
CASE WHERE YOU HAVE A PHYSICALLY
SIMILAR DEFENDANT DOWN TO THE
TATTOOED TEARS ON THE CHEEK WITH
GUNPOWDER RESIDUE ON HIS HANDS
AND ONLY ZAVION ALAHAD IS SHOWN
TO THE VICTIM.

USING THE TEST YOU ARTICULATED,
DON'T YOU LOSE?

>> WE DISPUTE THE PREMISE OF THE
QUESTION THAT THERE'S A PHYSICAL
SIMILARITY HERE.

YOU CAN LOOK AT THE PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE TWO MEN WHO IN OUR VIEW
LOOKED NOTHING ALIKE EXCEPT THE
BROADEST MOST GENERAL
DESCRIPTION.

IN FACT, IF POLICE HAD DONE A
2-MAN LINEUP WITH ZAVION ALAHAD
AND MISTER NIXON WHO ARE 8 YEARS
APART IN AGE, WHAT IS NOT
TEENAGER, ONE IS A GROWN MAN,
THE FACIAL STRUCTURES ARE
DIFFERENT, THE SKIN COLOR IS
DIFFERENT, IF THOSE TWO
INDIVIDUALS WERE PLACED TOGETHER
IN A LINEUP, I THINK WE WOULD BE
HERE, THE DEFENSE'S POSITION WAS
THAT WAS AN UNDULY SUGGESTIVE
LINEUP BECAUSE THE TWO LOOKED SO
DISSIMILAR.

>> THAT IS ONLY RELEVANT -- THE
RELIABILITY THING, I AM ASSUMING
THE RELEVANCE OF THE OTHER
SUSPECT IS ON THE UNNECESSARY
UNNECESSARILY SUBJECTIVE --

>> NOT ENTIRELY SURE IT IS NOT
RELEVANT TO BOTH.

>> HOW'S THE RELIABILITY, ISN'T
IT BASED ON WHAT THE WITNESS WAS
ABLE TO OBSERVE?

>> I THINK IT ALL GOES TO
RELIABILITY.

YOU CAN MAKE THE ARGUMENT.
WE HAVEN'T CAREFULLY LOOKED AT
THIS QUESTION.

BUT A DEFENDANT MIGHT MAKE THE

ARGUMENT THERE WAS SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO RESEMBLED ME, HAD THE PERSON BEEN THERE, I WOULDN'T BE PREPARED TO SEE IT WOULDN'T BE IRRELEVANT UNDER THAT PRONG. GOING BACK TO THE TRADITIONAL FACTORS COURTS HAVE APPLIED HERE, ON CLARIFICATION, THIS ECHOES JUSTICE SCALIA, YOU GET LITTLE LAW CLARIFYING BENEFITS WHEN THE LEGAL QUESTION IS SO BOUND UP IN THE FACTS, IF ANY ONE PERSON IS LIKELY TO BE CONSTRAINED TO WHAT PARTICULAR FACTUAL MIX OF THE CASE WAS, THAT IS WHAT YOU GET, THE BIGGEST FACTORS, THE FIRST IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EYEWITNESS TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT THE PERPETRATOR. EVEN IN THAT FACTOR THERE ARE SO MANY FACTS THAT MIGHT BE RELEVANT INCLUDING WAS THE WITNESS WEARING HER GLASSES THAT DAY? WHAT TIME OF DAY WAS IT? WAS SHE TIRED? HOW FAR AWAY WERE THEY? IF YOU CHANGE ONE OF THOSE FACTS YOU MIGHT GET A DIFFERENT RESULT. YOU DON'T GET THE SAME BANG FOR YOUR BUCK AS THE DENOVO REVIEW HERE BECAUSE PRESIDENTS DON'T GO THAT FAR. THE SECOND POINT ON LAW CLARIFICATION OF IS IT DOES SUFFICE TO PROVIDE LAW CLARIFYING BENEFITS. IN SOME INSTANCES YOU TAKE A LITTLE LONGER. YOU GET THE LAW CLARIFICATION I REFERENCED WHERE SETTING OFF THE LEGAL TEST, EVEN WHEN DOING APPLICATION OF FACT, YOU GET LAW CLARIFYING BENEFITS, YOU GET THOSE NOT WHEN YOU AFFIRM BUT WHEN YOU REVERSE BECAUSE ON THE ISSUE OF FIRST IMPRESSION THE TRIAL JUDGE'S CHANNEL DISCRETION LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS, WITH EACH REVERSAL THE APPELLATE COURT SAID DON'T DO WHATEVER THAT WAS, DISCRETION GETS

NARROWER AND NARROWER.

>> IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THE DEMARCATION WAS, WHEN WE COME INTO THE CASE.

WHAT EXACTLY, IF THE TRIAL COURT MAKES THE FACTUAL FINDINGS, AND DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE SHOW UP WAS SUGGESTIVE OR NOT, ONCE THOSE FACTUAL FINDINGS ARE MADE AND WE APPLY AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION STANDARD TO IT WHAT IS LEFT FOR US TO DO IN DENOVO?

>> THE PREDICATE LEGAL QUESTIONS BEFORE THE APPLICATION OF LAW FACT, THERE'S A DISPUTE IN THIS CASE, A QUESTION ABOUT CERTAIN FACTS ARE RELEVANT.

THAT IS THE DENOVO REVIEW.

CERTAIN FACT HAS LEGAL RELEVANCE, IT IS WHEN YOU GET TO THE POINT AND APPLICATION OF FACT, THAT IS WHAT THE CASE IS.

>> HELP US UNDERSTAND, SHOWUP BY DEFINITION IS SUGGESTED.

>> THE COURTS HAVE SAID THAT.

>> ALL THE WORK IS BEING DONE.

>> I AGREE.

>> WHAT ARE THE FACTORS?

THAT'S WHERE THE LAW COLUMNS IN. WHAT ARE THE FACTORS?

THERE'S A DISAGREEMENT WHERE THE DCA TALKS ABOUT FEDERAL COURTS, THE DRIVING FORCE VERSUS ALL THESE MICRO DETAILS, IT IS NEVER NECESSARY FOR A POLICE OFFICER TO SAY THIS MEETS YOUR DESCRIPTION, OR ANYONE ELSE THEY WOULD SAY IS UNNECESSARY SO IT SEEMS IT IS RELEVANT TO THIS QUESTION OF WHAT THE REVIEW SHOULD BE LIKE.

>> WE DON'T DISPUTE, WHEN SETTING OUT THE PARAMETERS, THERE'S SOME DENOVO.

I DON'T TAKE THE FOURTH DISTRICT TO HAVE DONE ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY.

IN A FOOTNOTE, TO DECIDE THE RELEVANCE OF MR.

NIXON'S EXISTENCE, IT ASSUMED HIS EXISTENCE WAS RELEVANT BUT NOTED IN THE FOOTNOTE THERE IS DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THIS AND THE APPLICATION HAS DIFFERENCE.

>> YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED THE QUESTION AS TO HOW THE COURT IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT IS UNNECESSARILY SUBJECTIVE. HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?

>> COURTS CAN ARTICULATE FACTORS.

A FACTOR OF THE PURE QUESTION OF LAW, THE BODY OF CASE LAW TALKED ABOUT FACTORS THAT ARE RELEVANT, THEY SAID ANYTHING TO THE EYEWITNESS, WHICH FUNNELED THAT PARTICULAR PERPETRATOR.

WAS THE FACTOR RELEVANT?

WHAT THEY ARE GETTING AT.

IT IS NOT WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

THE FACTOR ASSUME THE RELEVANCE OF THE FACT MR.

NIXON WAS THERE.

AND THE FACTS, WALTON IS NOT A SHOWOFF CASE, A PHOTO ARRAY CASE, THE CASES THAT DEAL WITH THIS, THE CROSS APPEALED ABUSE OF DISCRETION REVIEW.

THE MORE CLOSELY ON POINT, RELEVANT AS WELL AS TO IDENTIFY HERE.

>> WHY SHOULD THE STANDARD BE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE CATEGORIES? THAT ESCAPES ME.

>> NOT SURE THEY SHOULD BE.

>> WHAT IS THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING DIFFERENT?

>> THEY SHOULD BE THE SAME.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO DRAW FROM THE PRESIDENT MOST CLOSELY ON POINT --

>> WE WANT OUR PRESIDENT TO BE INTERNALLY CONSISTENT FROM A POINT LIKE THAT.

>> THE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR DISCRETION BUT IF YOU WANT TO DRAW FROM CASE LAW THAT ON POINT.

YOUR HONOR ASKED THE QUESTION OF THE CAUSE OF WHICH THERE ARE CASES APPLYING TO DENOVO REVIEW.

>> YOU THINK THAT'S WRONG?

>> YOU HAVE A LITIGATING POSITION IN THE FUTURE CASE.

FOURTH AMENDMENT QUESTIONS ALMOST NEVER GO TO RELIABILITY OF EVIDENCE.

COURTS OFTEN LAMENT ON

EXCLUSIONARY REVEAL THEY ARE FORCED TO EXCLUDE FROM JURIES PURVIEW CLEARLY RELEVANT IN THE EVIDENCE BY SEARCHES AND SEIZURES, THE KEY DIFFERENCE IS THIS LOOKS A LOT LIKE RULE 403 WHERE THE REAL ISSUE IS RELIABILITY EVIDENCE.

THAT'S THE POINT OF THE PROCESS INQUIRY.

WHAT WE THINK ARE TRUSTWORTHY.

>> WHAT ABOUT STEP ONE?

IT SEEMS YOUR CASES SUPERSTRONG AND NOT EQUALLY STRONG.

>> BOTH PRONGS GO TO RELIABILITY.

UNDER PRONG ONE THE PROCEDURE USED IS SUGGESTIVE TO RELIABILITY.

>> THAT DEPENDS ON THE NECESSARILY PART.

IF NECESSARILY IS LOOKING AT EXIGENCY AND STUFF, STEP ONE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.

>> ON THE WHOLE, IT GOES TO CONSTITUENT PARTS, THE INQUIRY LOOKS LIKE 403.

IF YOU WERE TO ASSUME THE US SUPREME COURT NEVER SAID THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE PROTECTS RELIANCE FROM OUT-OF-COURT IDENTIFICATIONS, DEFENDANTS COME BEFORE YOU AND MAKE THE SAME TYPES OF ARGUMENTS IN THIS CASE. HE WOULD DO SO NOT UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL RULE BUT UNDER RULE 403.

THOSE ARGUMENTS IN THE TRIAL COURT, YOU WOULD INSTRUCT THE DCA ON A 403 ANALYSIS TO DO WHAT THEY SHOULD DO.

A DIFFERENT STANDARD OF REVIEW APPLIES IN PRONG ONE AS COMPARED TO PRONG 2.

THERE IS SUPPORT FOR THAT IN CASE LAW.

THE 10TH CIRCUIT, BOTH DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEY FLIP THE ANALYSIS AND THEY SAY PRONG ONE, THE FINAL FACT, WITH NO APPLICATION AS TO THE ULTIMATE QUESTION.

THERE IS AN IDEA IN CASE LAW YOU

COULD SPLIT THE BABY IN THAT WAY, IF YOU SAY DENOVO IN THE FIRST PRONG AND THEN IT IS BETTER IN THE POSITION THAT ZAVION ALAHAD IS ADVANCING BUT ON BALANCE WE THINK THERE SHOULD BE A DIFFERENCE WITH ALL PRONGS.

>> YOU DON'T WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS, IT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE AT STAKE THAT PUSHES INTO DENOVO REVIEW.

>> WE DON'T THINK, IT IS SIGNIFICANT IN THE ANALYSIS, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, RULE-BASED RIGHTS CAN ALL HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE JURY'S VERDICT. HARD TO SAY THE HEARSAY IS LESS IMPORTANT OR 403 IS LESS IMPORTANT BUT THAT IS WHAT THE ARGUMENT TURNS ON, THIS IS CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE, THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE WILL DICTATE, THIRD PARTIES LIKE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THERE'S VERY LITTLE LAW CLARIFYING BENEFIT TO DOING DENOVO REVIEW. EITHER WAY LAW ENFORCEMENT COULD USE THE BEST JUDGMENT AND WITH ABUSE OF DISCRETION.

>> OUTSIDE THE CRIMINAL CONTEXT ARE THERE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS THAT ARE REVIEWED? FOR MAJOR CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES?

>> ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ANIMUS REVIEWS A GREAT EXAMPLE BUT EVEN IN THE CRIMINAL CONTEXT, 4 OR 5 CONTRACTS, TO PROCEED, HARD TO IMAGINE MANY LEGAL RULES ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO THE OUTCOME. THERE IS AN ALLEGATION OF THE PROSECUTOR, ALL THOSE THINGS, IT IS THE CASE THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL NATURE OF THIS IS POSITIVE.

THE LAST THING ABOUT STANDARDS OF REVIEW IS ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THEY LOOK AT, WHETHER OR NOT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ISSUE TO THE OUTCOME AT TRIAL, WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THE DEFENDANT MIGHT INVOKE TO MITIGATE THE HARM OF ERRONEOUSLY EVIDENCE, JUSTICE GINSBURG MADE THIS POINT IN

HARRY VERSUS NEW HAMPSHIRE,
THERE ARE PLENTY OF SAFEGUARDS
EVEN IN THE CASE WHERE
SUGGESTIVE IDENTIFICATION
PROCEDURE COMES IN, THE RIGHT TO
COUNSEL, CROSS-EXAMINATION, MORE
VALID CONSTRUCTION.

A COUPLE EXAMPLES ARRIVE IN THIS
CASE.

FLORIDA STANDARD JURY
INSTRUCTION 3.9 SEE INSTRUCT
JURORS TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN
REVIEWING EYEWITNESS
IDENTIFICATION AND THERE ARE
MANY FACTORS THEY SHOULD THINK
ABOUT INCLUDING BIGGER FACTORS.
ANOTHER EXAMPLE FROM THIS CASE
IS THE FACT THAT A DEFENDANT CAN
BRING IN EXPERT TESTIMONY ON
RELIABILITY OF IDENTIFICATION
AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED HERE
WITH ZAVION ALAHAD'S WITNESS AND
THE JURY COULD TAKE IT ALL IN.

THE POINT I MAKE IS THE DUE
PROCESS TEST IS DESIGNED TO WEED
OUT THE MOST SUGGESTIVE AND MOST
UNRELIABLE IDENTIFICATIONS.
ABUSE OF DISCRETION REVIEW
ALLOWS COURTS TO DO THAT.
THEY ARE SAYING IT IS NOT
UNREASONABLE TO CONCLUDE THIS
IDENTIFICATION WAS NOT SO
SUGGESTIVE AS TO HAVE CHANGED
THE OUTCOME AND OTHER
EVIDENTIARY EVERY SAFEGUARDS.
OTHERWISE I AM HAPPY TO DO THIS.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY
ADDRESSING THE ARGUMENT THAT
ABUSE OF DISCRETION PROVIDES
ADEQUATE LAW CLARIFYING BENEFITS
BUT I WOULD LIKE TO USE THE
FOURTH DCA'S OPINION ON THIS.
THE FOURTH DCA, ULTIMATELY FOUND
REASONABLE MINDS COULD DIFFER AS
TO WHETHER FAILURE TO PROVIDE
NIXON AND THE LINEUP OR SHOW UP
WAS UNNECESSARILY SUGGESTIVE AND
WHAT THAT MEANS IS IN THE
FUTURE, 1 TRIAL CT.
COULD FIND IT IS NOT
UNNECESSARILY SUGGESTIVE.
ANOTHER TRIAL COURT WOULD FIND
THAT IT IS UNNECESSARILY
SUGGESTIVE.

IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE EVIDENCE DOES NOT GET SUPPRESSED, THE SECOND INSTANCE IT DOES GET SUPPRESSED.

>> THE STATE'S POSITION WOULD BE FOCUSING ON THE PIECE OF THE TEST, IF THE TWO SUSPECTS ARE SO EASILY DISTINGUISHED THEY WERE WEARING DIFFERENT COLOR CLOTHES. READILY DISTINGUISHED, IT WOULD NOT BE SUGGESTIVE TO PUT JUST THE ONE THAT MATCHES THE DESCRIPTION OF THE DEFENDANT. FROM THE LAW CLARIFYING STANDPOINT WE ARE AT THE SAME PLACE WHERE IT IS A FACTUALLY SENSITIVE DETERMINATION.

IS THAT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING? THE TRIAL COURT HAVING MADE A FACTUAL DETERMINATION, PERHAPS IN THIS CASE THAT THESE TWO SUSPECTS WERE READILY DISTINCT TROUBLE FOUND IT NOT UNNECESSARILY SUGGESTIVE. ARE YOU ASKING US TO ADOPT A RULE THAT WOULD DEPRIVE A TRIAL COURT AFFECTS ABILITY TO DO THAT?

>> I'M ASKING THE COURT TO ADOPT A RULE THAT PROVIDES RELIABILITY.

IN THAT SITUATION, WHERE REASONABLE MINDS COULD DIFFER ON WHETHER IT IS SUGGESTIVE, THE COURTS COME TO OPPOSITE CONCLUSIONS, THE RESULTS ARE BOTH GOING TO BE AFFIRMED ON APPEAL WHICH MEANS THE RESULT THAT IS LEFT OVER IS THERE IS NO EXPLANATION FOR IF THE SECOND PERSON SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SHOW UP PROCEDURES.

SOME COURTS COULD FIND IT NECESSARY IN SOME COURTS NOT, EITHER WAY UNDER ABUSE OF DISCRETION REVIEW THE APPELLATE COURT SAYS IT IS OKAY SO THAT IS A PROBLEM THAT RESULTS IN AN INCONSISTENT APPLICATION OF THE LAW.

>> UNLESS ANYONE ELSE HAS ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN HAVE 30 SECONDS.

>> BASED ON THE ARGUMENTS THIS

MORNING, I ASK THE COURT DECIDE
DENOVO REVIEW IS THE APPROPRIATE
STANDARD WHEN COURTS ARE ASKED
TO REVIEW PRETRIAL
IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND I
ASK THE COURT REMAND THE CASE TO
THE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF
APPEAL TO APPLY THE STANDARD OF
REVIEW.

THANK YOU.

>> WE WILL NOW TAKE A 10 MINUTE
RECESS, THANK YOU.