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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

Strip-Search In Schools Unconstitutional

David Rittgers at the CATO Institute is right about the Supreme Court's Decision. *"The Supreme Court's decision today in Safford Unified School District #1 et al. v. Redding was a victory for privacy and decency. The Court held that a middle school violated the Fourth Amendment rights of a thirteen-year-old girl by strip searching her in a failed effort to find Ibuprofen pills and an over-the-counter painkiller..."*

The Fourth Amendment exists to preserve a balance between the individual's reasonable expectation of privacy and the state's need for order and security. Unnecessarily traumatizing students with invasive and humiliating breaches of personal privacy upsets this balance. Today's decision restores reasonable limits to student searches and provides valuable guidance to school officials."

The 8-1 ruling was a definitive statement that school officials have gone too far in cases like these. It's nice to know students are getting some rights back. It's certainly unreasonable to conduct an intrusive search without clear cause. *Unsurprisingly, "Justice Clarence Thomas was the only member of the court to decide that the search of Redding was reasonable."*

Hopefully, this case will cause schools to look over their rules and reassess how the administration relates to students.

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