

REASONING:

1. A wrongful search or seizure conducted by a private party does not violate Fourth Amendment rights. Such private wrongdoings do not deprive the government of the right to use evidence it acquired lawfully.

NOTES:

Atkinson v. State, Legal Bulletin No. 184, is a case where a juvenile burglarized a residence to steal marijuana and a warrant was issued based on the illegal entry; all evidence subsequently seized was properly used against the defendant. Review of this case is recommended.

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