



**ARIZONA SUPREME COURT
ORAL ARGUMENT CASE SUMMARY**



**STATE OF ARIZONA v. MICHAEL QUINCY HUMMONS
CR-10-0309-PR**

PARTIES:

Petitioner: Michael Hummons, represented by the Office of the Pima County Public Defender

Respondent: State of Arizona, represented by the Office of the Attorney General

FACTS:

When Mr. Hummons was walking down the street, a police officer approached and asked to speak with him. After a brief conversation, the officer asked for identification and Mr. Hummons provided his Arizona identification card. The officer conducted a warrants check which revealed that there was a warrant for Mr. Hummons on a misdemeanor charge. The officer arrested Mr. Hummons on the warrant, and in a search incident to the arrest, found drugs and drug paraphernalia. Mr. Hummons was convicted at trial of possession of a narcotic drug and possession of drug paraphernalia. Prior to trial, Mr. Hummons filed a motion to suppress the drug-related evidence, arguing that it was obtained pursuant to an illegal detention. After a hearing at which the police officer testified, the trial court denied the motion. The Court of Appeals affirmed in an opinion filed July 29, 2010. Mr. Hummons filed a petition for review by the Arizona Supreme Court.

ISSUE:

The issue stated in the petition for review is: "Whether evidence should have been suppressed where Mr. Hummons was unlawfully seized and later arrested when the officer discovered a warrant for his arrest?"

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