

of his rights; the suspect agreed to talk and thereafter incriminated himself. Nonetheless, the Court held, “when an accused has invoked his right to have counsel present during custodial interrogation, a valid waiver of that right cannot be established by showing only that he responded to further police-initiated custodial interrogation even if he has been advised of this rights. We further hold that an accused . . . , having expressed his desire to deal with the police only through counsel, is not subject to further interrogation by the authorities until counsel has been made available to him, unless the accused himself initiates further communication, exchanges, or conversations with the police.”³⁷⁶ The *Edwards* rule bars police-initiated questioning stemming from a separate investigation as well as questioning relating to the crime for which the suspect was arrested.³⁷⁷ It also applies to interrogation by officers of a different law enforcement authority.³⁷⁸

On the other hand, the *Edwards* rule requiring that a lawyer be provided to a suspect who had requested one in an earlier interrogation does not apply once there has been a meaningful break in custody. The Court in *Maryland v. Shatzer*³⁷⁹ characterized the *Edwards* rule as a judicially prescribed precaution against using the coercive pressure of prolonged custody to badger a suspect who has previously requested counsel into talking without one. However, after a suspect has been released to resume his normal routine for a sufficient period to dissipate the coercive effects of custody, a period

³⁷⁶ 451 U.S. at 484–85. The decision was unanimous, but three concurrences objected to a special rule limiting waivers with respect to counsel to suspect-initiated further exchanges. *Id.* at 487, 488 (Chief Justice Burger and Justices Powell and Rehnquist). In *Oregon v. Bradshaw*, 462 U.S. 1039 (1983), the Court held, albeit without a majority of Justices in complete agreement as to rationale, that an accused who had initiated further conversations with police had knowingly and intelligently waived his right to have counsel present. So too, an accused who expressed a willingness to talk to police, but who refused to make a written statement without presence of counsel, was held to have waived his rights with respect to his oral statements. *Connecticut v. Barrett*, 479 U.S. 523 (1987).

In *Minnick v. Mississippi*, 498 U.S. 146 (1990), the Court interpreted *Edwards* to bar interrogation without counsel present of a suspect who had earlier consulted with an attorney on the accusation at issue. “[W]hen counsel is requested, interrogation must cease, and officials may not reinstate interrogation without counsel present, whether or not the accused has consulted with his attorney.” *Id.* at 153.

The Court has held that *Edwards* should not be applied retroactively to a conviction that had become final, *Solem v. Stumes*, 465 U.S. 638 (1984), but that *Edwards* does apply to cases pending on appeal at the time it was decided. *Shea v. Louisiana*, 470 U.S. 51 (1985).

³⁷⁷ *Arizona v. Roberson*, 486 U.S. 675 (1988). By contrast, the Sixth Amendment right to counsel is offense-specific, and does not bar questioning about a crime unrelated to the crime for which the suspect has been charged. *See McNeil v. Wisconsin*, 501 U.S. 171 (1991).

³⁷⁸ *Minnick v. Mississippi*, 498 U.S. 146 (1990).

³⁷⁹ 559 U.S. ___, No. 08–680, slip op. (2010).