

ited” but not “minimal” intrusion occasioned by boarding for documentation inspection to be reasonable.<sup>296</sup> Dissenting Justice Brennan argued that the Court for the first time was approving “a completely random seizure and detention of persons and an entry onto private, noncommercial premises by police officers, without any limitations whatever on the officers’ discretion or any safeguards against abuse.”<sup>297</sup>

**Consent Searches.**—Fourth Amendment rights, like other constitutional rights, may be waived, and one may consent to a search of his person or premises by officers who have not complied with the Amendment.<sup>298</sup> The Court, however, has insisted that the burden is on the prosecution to prove the voluntariness of the consent<sup>299</sup> and awareness of the right of choice.<sup>300</sup> Reviewing courts must determine on the basis of the totality of the circumstances whether consent has been freely given or has been coerced. Actual knowledge of the right to refuse consent is not essential for a search to be found voluntary, and police therefore are not required to inform a person of his rights, as through a Fourth Amendment version of *Miranda* warnings.<sup>301</sup> But consent will not be regarded as voluntary when the officer asserts his official status and claim of right and the occupant yields because of these factors.<sup>302</sup> When consent is obtained through the deception of an undercover officer or an informer’s gaining admission without advising a suspect who he is, the Court has held that the suspect has simply assumed the risk that an invitee would betray him, and evidence obtained through the deception is admissible.<sup>303</sup>

<sup>296</sup> 462 U.S. at 593.

<sup>297</sup> 462 U.S. at 598. Justice Brennan contended that all previous cases had required some “discretion-limiting” feature such as a requirement of probable cause, reasonable suspicion, fixed checkpoints instead of roving patrols, and limitation of border searches to border areas, and that these principles set forth in *Delaware v. Prouse*, 440 U.S. 648 (1979), should govern. *Id.* at 599, 601.

<sup>298</sup> *Amos v. United States*, 255 U.S. 313 (1921); *Zap v. United States*, 328 U.S. 624 (1946); *Schneekloth v. Bustamonte*, 412 U.S. 218 (1973).

<sup>299</sup> *Bumper v. North Carolina*, 391 U.S. 543 (1968).

<sup>300</sup> *Johnson v. United States*, 333 U.S. 10, 13 (1948).

<sup>301</sup> *Schneekloth v. Bustamonte*, 412 U.S. 218, 231–33 (1973). See also *Ohio v. Robinette*, 519 U.S. 33 (1996) (officer need not always inform a detained motorist that he is free to go before consent to search auto may be deemed voluntary); *United States v. Drayton*, 536 U.S. 194, 207 (2002) (totality of circumstances indicated that bus passenger consented to search even though officer did not explicitly state that passenger was free to refuse permission).

<sup>302</sup> *Amos v. United States*, 255 U.S. 313 (1921); *Johnson v. United States*, 333 U.S. 10 (1948); *Bumper v. North Carolina*, 391 U.S. 543 (1968).

<sup>303</sup> *On Lee v. United States*, 343 U.S. 747 (1952); *Lopez v. United States*, 373 U.S. 427 (1963); *Hoffa v. United States*, 385 U.S. 293 (1966); *Lewis v. United States*, 385 U.S. 206 (1966); *United States v. White*, 401 U.S. 745 (1971). *Cf.* *Osborn v. United States*, 385 U.S. 323 (1966) (prior judicial approval obtained before wired informer