

verbal evidence, confessions, and other admissions, like all derivative evidence obtained as a result of unlawful seizures, could be excluded.⁷⁸ Thus, a confession made by one illegally in custody must be suppressed, unless the causal connection between the illegal arrest and the confession had become so attenuated that the latter should not be deemed “tainted” by the former.⁷⁹ Similarly, fingerprints and other physical evidence obtained as a result of an unlawful arrest must be suppressed.⁸⁰

Searches and Inspections in Noncriminal Cases.—Certain early cases held that the Fourth Amendment was applicable only when a search was undertaken for criminal investigatory purposes,⁸¹ and the Supreme Court until recently employed a reasonableness test for such searches without requiring either a warrant or probable cause in the absence of a warrant.⁸² But, in 1967, the Court in two cases held that administrative inspections to detect building code violations must be undertaken pursuant to warrant if the occupant objects.⁸³ “We may agree that a routine inspection of the physical condition of private property is a less hostile intrusion than the typical policeman’s search for the fruits and instru-

⁷⁸ *Wong Sun v. United States*, 371 U.S. 471 (1963). Such evidence is the “fruit of the poisonous tree,” *Nardone v. United States*, 308 U.S. 338, 341 (1939), that is, evidence derived from the original illegality. Previously, if confessions were voluntary for purposes of the self-incrimination clause, they were admissible notwithstanding any prior official illegality. *Colombe v. Connecticut*, 367 U.S. 568 (1961).

⁷⁹ Although there is a presumption that the illegal arrest is the cause of the subsequent confession, the presumption is rebuttable by a showing that the confession is the result of “an intervening . . . act of free will.” *Wong Sun v. United States*, 371 U.S. 471, 486 (1963). The factors used to determine whether the taint has been dissipated are the time between the illegal arrest and the confession, whether there were intervening circumstances (such as consultation with others, *Miranda* warnings, etc.), and the degree of flagrancy and purposefulness of the official conduct. *Brown v. Illinois*, 422 U.S. 590 (1975) (*Miranda* warnings alone insufficient); *Dunaway v. New York*, 442 U.S. 200 (1979); *Taylor v. Alabama*, 457 U.S. 687 (1982); *Kaupp v. Texas*, 538 U.S. 626 (2003). In *Johnson v. Louisiana*, 406 U.S. 356 (1972), the fact that the suspect had been taken before a magistrate who advised him of his rights and set bail, after which he confessed, established a sufficient intervening circumstance.

⁸⁰ *Davis v. Mississippi*, 394 U.S. 721 (1969); *Taylor v. Alabama*, 457 U.S. 687 (1982). In *United States v. Crews*, 445 U.S. 463 (1980), the Court, unanimously but for a variety of reasons, held proper the identification in court of a defendant, who had been wrongly arrested without probable cause, by the crime victim. The court identification was not tainted by either the arrest or the subsequent in-custody identification. See also *Hayes v. Florida*, 470 U.S. 811, 815 (1985), suggesting in dictum that a “narrowly circumscribed procedure for fingerprinting detentions on less than probable cause” may be permissible.

⁸¹ *In re Strouse*, 23 Fed. Cas. 261 (No. 13,548) (D. Nev. 1871); *In re Meador*, 16 Fed. Cas. 1294, 1299 (No. 9375) (N.D. Ga. 1869).

⁸² *Abel v. United States*, 362 U.S. 217 (1960); *Frank v. Maryland*, 359 U.S. 360 (1959); *Oklahoma Press Pub. Co. v. Walling*, 327 U.S. 186 (1946).

⁸³ *Camara v. Municipal Court*, 387 U.S. 523 (1967) (home); See *v. City of Seattle*, 387 U.S. 541 (1967) (commercial warehouse).