

Additional issues arise in determining the validity of consent to search when consent is given not by the suspect, but by a third party. In the earlier cases, third-party consent was deemed sufficient if that party “possessed common authority over or other sufficient relationship to the premises or effects sought to be inspected.”<sup>304</sup> Now, however, actual common authority over the premises is not required; it is sufficient if the searching officer had a reasonable but mistaken belief that the third party had common authority and could consent to the search.<sup>305</sup> If, however, one occupant consents to a search of shared premises, but a physically present co-occupant expressly objects to the search, the search is unreasonable.<sup>306</sup> Common social expectations inform the analysis. One at the threshold of a residence could not confidently conclude he was welcome to enter over the express objection of a present co-tenant. Expectations may change, however, if the objecting co-tenant leaves, or is removed from, the premises with no prospect of imminent return.<sup>307</sup>

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sent into defendant’s presence). Problems may be encountered by police, however, in special circumstances. *See* *Massiah v. United States*, 377 U.S. 201 (1964); *United States v. Henry*, 447 U.S. 264 (1980); *United States v. Karo*, 468 U.S. 705 (1984) (installation of beeper with consent of informer who sold container with beeper to suspect is permissible with prior judicial approval, but use of beeper to monitor private residence is not).

<sup>304</sup> *United States v. Matlock*, 415 U.S. 164, 171 (1974) (valid consent by woman with whom defendant was living and sharing the bedroom searched). *See also* *Chapman v. United States*, 365 U.S. 610 (1961) (landlord’s consent insufficient); *Stoner v. California*, 376 U.S. 483 (1964) (hotel desk clerk lacked authority to consent to search of guest’s room); *Frazier v. Culp*, 394 U.S. 731 (1969) (joint user of duffel bag had authority to consent to search).

<sup>305</sup> *Illinois v. Rodriguez*, 497 U.S. 177 (1990). *See also* *Florida v. Jimeno*, 500 U.S. 248, 251 (1991) (it was “objectively reasonable” for officer to believe that suspect’s consent to search his car for narcotics included consent to search containers found within the car).

<sup>306</sup> *Georgia v. Randolph*, 547 U.S. 103 (2006) (warrantless search of a defendant’s residence based on his estranged wife’s consent was unreasonable and invalid as applied to a physically present defendant who expressly refused to permit entry). The Court in *Randolph* admitted that it was “drawing a fine line,” *id.* at 121, between situations where the defendant is present and expressly refuses consent, and that of *United States v. Matlock*, 415 U.S. 164, 171 (1974), and *Illinois v. Rodriguez*, 497 U.S. 177 (1990), where the defendants were nearby but were not asked for their permission. In a dissenting opinion, Chief Justice Roberts observed that the majority’s ruling “provides protection on a random and happenstance basis, protecting, for example, a co-occupant who happens to be at the front door when the other occupant consents to a search, but not one napping or watching television in the next room.” 547 U.S. at 127.

<sup>307</sup> *Fernandez v. California*, 571 U.S. \_\_\_, No. 12–7822, slip op. (2014) (consent by co-occupant sufficient to overcome objection of a second co-occupant who was arrested and removed from the premises, so long as the arrest and removal was objectively reasonable).