Supreme Court Decision: Unanimous

America is the land of the free, and with that freedom comes our right to privacy. When our government tracks our location and watches our every move, we are not free people. This violation to our rights as American citizens is basically like ripping up the constitution and burning it. If we go against the Fourth Amendment, we are backstabbing the original founders of our great nation. Therefore, when the government tries to use GPS tracking to locate us at all times, or use a drone to watch over our private life without a warrant, it is an act of defiance. These actions of the government are highly unconstitutional.

The Fourth Amendment directly states that people are “to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures” and “no Warrants shall issue but upon probable cause.” A person’s phone is considered an effect according to the Fourth Amendment, and one has a reasonable expectation to privacy on their person. When the government taps in to a person’s GPS location data from his/her personal phone without probable cause, they are in violation of the Fourth Amendment. The right to privacy in one’s home and car has been upheld in previous court cases, and this case is no exception.

The second court case involving the use of drones to record activities occurring within private property is also in violation of the Fourth Amendment. Some may argue that the Fourth Amendment is in place to protect people, not places. However, when a citizen is in the comfort of his on home, that citizen is entitled to privacy without intrusion. Recording activities occurring within private property is no different than voyeurism. Therefore, without a warrant, what happens within a person’s private property is off limits to surveillance.

In conclusion, our government should not violate Amendment Four. If these violations occur, we as a people will lose our sense of self and will no longer be free. Our nation as a whole will become paranoid people, running around, not trusting anyone. If the government wants us to trust them, then they should be careful not to trample that trust. We as the Supreme Court rule this case as unconstitutional! Case adjourned.

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