“The right of the people to be secure in their…effects, against unreasonable searches…shall not be violated.” The fourth amendment is a right that is given to every American citizen. The interpretation of the fourth amendment is highly controversial. The other members and I find it necessary to make a decision on if the government should have access and information about personal emails and location without a warrant. The right of the government to secure information which is possessed by an individual is an issue which bears strong scrutiny in order to make a decision which is constitutional.

When deciding if the government should be able to access old emails and GPS data, you must think with a broader perspective instead of a personal perspective. Two years ago, the Casey Anthony trial was shown on every news channel. In this situation, Casey was protected by the fourth amendment. During the trial, much of the public was convinced of Anthony’s guilt. However, the evidence did not prove her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt so she was found not guilty of the murder of her daughter. What if the information in Casey’s old emails and GPS data from her cell phone would have proved she was guilty? This information would have provided a clearer view on the search for justice for Caylee Anthony, an innocent girl. Although on the surface, the government having access to old emails and GPS data from mobile devices seems invasive, in many situations, the information is vital and should be available to be used.

On the other hand, seeing where we are at any time we have a mobile device and being able to see our old e-mails could be seen as giving up our freedom to privacy. This could lead to other freedoms being revoked. The United States is built on the people having rights that the government cannot take away. The Fourth Amendment states that our effects shall not be violated. Emails older than 180 days are still our effects. The government should not have access to them without a warrant. If you lose something in your house for six months, it is still yours and in your possession. Emails are the same as the item that was lost in your home. As for GPS data, will it stop with the accused? Could this lead to tracking everyone as we never know who will commit a crime? This is a serious risk to consider when making this decision.

After discussing both aspects of the situation at hand, the members of the justice have to make an extremely influential decision to allow or deny government the ability to access private information such as emails and locations without a warrant. With profound thought the decision has been made. We have concluded to give the government and authorities the ability to access emails and absolute location without a warrant. In times of breaching the safety of the population, “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.”