

Introduction to the 2025–2026 Edition

This unique work analyzes decisions impacting traffic stops and search and seizure of vehicles. The Supreme Court decided no vehicle searches cases this past term. But there were a few significant cases dealing with car stops, probable cause, plain view, inventory searches, GPS tracking devices, and searches by probation officers. These cases and more are discussed in this year's edition.

- Searching a vehicle upon the sight or smell of marijuana in a jurisdiction where it has been decriminalized. (§ 2:5)
- Duration of traffic stop. (§ 5:7)
- Removing a tarp over inoperable vehicle vitiates plain view. (§ 6:3)
- Timing of arrest to justify inventory search. (§ 7:5)
- Use of GPS tracking warrants. (§ 13:5)
- Probation officer search of a parolee's vehicle. (§ 13:6)