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Cupp v. Naughten

414 U.S. 141 (1973)

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Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

November 15, 1973

Re: 72-1148 - Cupp v. Naughten

Dear Bill:

Please join me.

Regards,

WRB

Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

November 21, 1973

Dear Bill,

Kindly join me in your dissent in 72-1148, Cupp v. Naughten.

W.O.D.
William O. Douglas

Mr. Justice Brennan

cc: The Conference

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

November 6, 1973

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

RE: No. 72-1148 Cupp v. Naughten

In due course I shall circulate a dissent
in the above.

W.J.B.Jr.

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[December —, 1973]

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"Every witness is presumed to speak the truth. This presumption may be overcome by the manner in which the witness testifies, by the nature of his or her testimony, by evidence affecting his or her character, interest, or motives, by contradictory evidence, or by a presumption.

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and the Associate Justices

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

November 8, 1973

Re: No. 72-1148, Cupp v. Naughten

Dear Bill,

I am glad to join your opinion in this case, upon the understanding that you are willing to delete the quotation from Howard v. Fleming on pages 8 and 9.

Sincerely yours,

Rehnquist

Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

November 12, 1973

Re: No. 72-1148 - Cupp v. Naughten

Dear Bill:

I shall very likely join your opinion in this case if you are favorably inclined towards Potter's suggestion.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

November 13, 1973

Re: No. 72-1148 - Cupp v. Naughten

Dear Bill:

Please join me in your recirculation of
November 12.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

November 8, 1973

Re: No. 72-1148 -- Cupp v. Naughten

Dear Bill:

I will await Bill Brennan's dissent.

Sincerely,



T. M.

Mr. Justice Rehnquist

cc: The Conference

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

November 26, 1973

Re: 72-1148 -- Cupp v. Naughten

Dear Bill:

Please join me in your dissent.

Sincerely,

T.M.
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Mr. Justice Brennan

cc: The Conference

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November 8, 1973

Dear Bill:

Re: No. 72-1148 - Cupp v. Naughten

I shall join you in due course.

I enclose, however, copies of letters we exchanged last April. I adhere to the suggestions I made at that time. You had incorporated these in the second draft of the per curiam which was not circulated because we had granted certiorari in the meantime.

There are one or two other very minor matters. I'll have my clerk check with yours about these.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

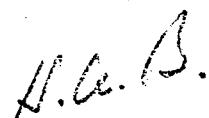
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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

November 14, 1973

No. 72-1148 Cupp v. Naughten

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Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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