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Beckwith v. United States

425 U.S. 341 (1976)

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MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

After reviewing copies of opinions for inclusion in bound volume 425 U.S., on Mr. Putzel's suggestion I propose changes to two Opinions of the Court as follows:

Beckwith v. United States, 425 U.S. 341, 347 [74-1243 - O.T.]

Change the sentence in the first full paragraph beginning: "Miranda specifically defined 'focus,' . . ." to read, "Miranda implicitly defined 'focus,' for its purposes, as 'questioning initiated by law enforcement officers after a person has been taken into custody or otherwise deprived of his freedom of action in any significant way.' 384 U.S., at 444. (Emphasis supplied.)" The "specific" definition was of "custodial interrogation" as stated in note 6 at 346.

Hynes v. Mayor and Council of Borough of Oradell, 425 U.S. 610, 615 [74-1329 - O.T. 75]

In the second full paragraph, delete the words "announced the same day" from the sentence beginning "Relying largely on a decision. . . ."

Those words are redundant since note 1 at 613 contains substantially the same statement.

Absent contrary word from you by August 1, I will have the Reporter proceed with these changes. Copies of the relevant pages above are enclosed.

Regards,

WRB

Enclosure