

**14-8358 LOCKHART V. UNITED STATES**

DECISION BELOW: 749 F.3d 148

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 13-602

**QUESTION PRESENTED:**

Section 2252(b)(2) of title 18, U.S. C., requires a district court to impose a prison term of at least ten years on a defendant convicted of possessing child pornography if he "has a prior conviction ... under the laws of any State relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse, or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward."

The question presented is whether § 2252(b)(2)'s mandatory minimum sentence is triggered by a prior conviction under a state law relating to "aggravated sexual abuse" or "sexual abuse," even though the conviction did not "involv[e] a minor or ward," an issue that divides the federal courts of appeals.

**CERT. GRANTED 5/26/2015**