

02-473 UNITED STATES v. BANKS

Ruling below: CA 9, 282 F.3d 699.

QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether law enforcement officers executing a warrant to search for illegal drugs violated the Fourth Amendment and 18 U.S.C. 3109, thereby requiring suppression of evidence, when they forcibly entered a small apartment in the middle of the afternoon 15-20 seconds after knocking and announcing their presence.

CERT. GRANTED: 2/24/03