

23-108 SNYDER V. UNITED STATES

DECISION BELOW: 71 F.4th 555

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 21-2986

QUESTION PRESENTED:

18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B) makes it a federal crime for a state or local official to "corruptly solicit[,] demand[,] ... or accept[] ... anything of value from any person, intending to be influenced or rewarded in connection with any" government business "involving any thing of value of \$5,000 or more."

The question presented, on which the circuits are divided, is:

Whether section 666 criminalizes gratuities, *i.e.*, payments in recognition of actions the official has already taken or committed to take, without any quid pro quo agreement to take those actions.

CERT. GRANTED 12/13/2023