

Supreme Court of Alabama
Oral Argument
Friday, November 5, 2021

Second Case

Case: 1200562 -- Yamil Aleksander Hare and Jose Sosa v. Sheriff Hoss Mack, Stacy McElroy, and City of Gulf Shores.

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Summary: During a traffic stop of Yamil Hare, a Gulf Shores police officer found and seized about \$100,000 and three cell phones that he suspected were linked to drug crimes. Later, Hare and Jose Sosa filed a suit in state court claiming the property and seeking an order for its return. The state court ruled that it could not consider their suit because the property had already been transferred to agents of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, giving the federal government exclusive jurisdiction over the property. The Alabama Supreme Court is reviewing the lower court's decision.