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Forensic Science

- search warrant needs PC
- there are exceptions
- 4th amendment applies to gov't actors, only gov't can violate
- CI's basis of knowledge & veracity
- defense has to prove a search warrant isn't valid
- if a warrant doesn't exist, gov't must prove it was legal
- emergency except circumstance - emergency happening then
- border customs can search
- consent has to be knowing & voluntary
- *Mincey vs. Arizona* - police didn't get warrant after crime, Supreme Court ruled that a warrant was needed
- *Michigan vs. Taylor* - fire at store, scene was processed, came back next day & found narcotics, but didn't have warrant

* Chapter 2

- physical evidence is only one piece
- types of evidence
 - physical
 - documentary - writing, audios, video
 - demonstrative - model of crime scene, etc
 - testimony - what people say
- what is admissible in court is determined by state or fed's
- about 350 crime labs in US
- growth labs - increase in crime, drug-related crimes increased, fewer confessions
- divisions include biological/serological, chemistry/toxicology, trace evidence, firearms, fingerprints, etc.

- functions of a forensic scientist - processing evidence
- most important this is to ascertain the truth
- corpus delicti - body of the crime
- modus operandi - method of operation
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