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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 10:01 a.m.

3 CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST: We'll hear argument first this
4 morning in No. 88-512, Michigan v. Tyris Lemont Harvey.

5 Mr. Baughman.

6 ORAL ARGUMENT OF TIMOTHY A. BAUGHMAN, ESQ.

7 ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER

8 MR. BAUGHMAN: Mr. Chief Justice, and may it please the
9 Court:

10 The issue before the Court today is whether an accused
11 may be cross-examined with the statement taken subsequent to
12 the assertion of his Sixth Amendment right to counsel as that
13 right has been construed in Michigan v. Jackson.

14 I wish to present for the Court's consideration this
15 morning two principal points. The first is that exclusion of
16 evidence for impeachment purposes is an inappropriate remedy
17 for violation of a prophylactic rule, and that Jackson is such
18 a rule. But, secondly, and perhaps more fundamentally, that
19 exclusion of evidence for impeachment purposes is also
20 inappropriate for violation of the Sixth Amendment as it
21 relates to custodial interrogation.

22 The facts, very briefly put, in this case are these. The
23 victim in this case testified that respondent raped and beat
24 her, causing three fractures to her left eye socket.
25 Respondent, on the other hand, testified that the episode was

1 essentially an agreement to exchange sex for cocaine gone
2 wrong, and that the blows that he struck were in
3 self-defense. The prosecutor questioned respondent about a
4 statement that he had made after arraignment and assertion of
5 the right to counsel. That statement came to be taken when
6 respondent told the police officer that he wished to make
7 another statement.

8 But he then also said that he didn't know whether or not
9 he should talk to his attorney. The officer stated that that
10 would not be necessary, as his attorney would be supplied a
11 copy of any statement that he might make.

12 The assistant prosecutor stated that it was because of
13 this colloquy between respondent and the attorney that she did
14 not believe that the statement was admissible in the case in
15 chief. However, she did argue that it was admissible for
16 impeachment purposes, arguing that it was not involuntary.

17 QUESTION: Mr. Baughman.

18 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes.

19 QUESTION: I guess you concede that there is a Sixth
20 Amendment violation here.

21 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. The prosecutor at trial conceded
22 that the colloquy between the respondent and the police
23 officer rendered the statement involuntary -- I mean,
24 inadmissible in the case in chief, and we are not contesting
25 that.

1 QUESTION: When did the Sixth Amendment violation occur?

2 MR. BAUGHMAN: I would say that it occurred when the
3 police officer continued to question respondent after the
4 colloquy about whether or not he should talk to his attorney.

5 QUESTION: Is the admission of the statements at trial
6 itself a Sixth Amendment violation or not?

7 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well -- yes. The Sixth Amendment was not
8 violated, I would say, by the taking of the statement. If the
9 prosecutor had never used it for any purpose there wouldn't be
10 a violation.

11 QUESTION: You don't think there's a violation even
12 though he didn't use it?

13 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, I would say if -- if nothing was
14 used at trial, the issue wouldn't be presented as --

15 QUESTION: I thought you had told me the violation
16 occurred when the statements were taken.

17 MR. BAUGHMAN: That is correct. The officer should have
18 ceased questioning at that point. At least, we are not
19 contesting that point. We did not raise it in the trial court
20 and we are not raising it here, trying to argue that that --

21 QUESTION: Well, it makes a difference analytically to
22 know whether it is a violation of the Sixth Amendment when the
23 testimony is offered at trial, or whether it's a violation of
24 some prophylactic rule designed to protect Sixth Amendment
25 rights. Which is it?

1 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, the right to counsel with regard to
2 custodial interrogation, it seems to me, can only ripen, if I
3 can put it that way, when some evidence taken from the accused
4 is offered in court.

5 If the prosecutor had not used this statement in any way,
6 then I would say that the Sixth Amendment right wasn't
7 violated, only a prophylactic rule to protect that right would
8 have been violated by the questioning.

9 QUESTION: Well, that's a rather curious position to
10 take, I think. I would have thought that the Sixth Amendment
11 was violated when the questions were asked. Then it becomes a
12 question of what's the remedy for that violation.

13 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, either the Sixth Amendment or a
14 prophylactic rule would be violated when the questions were
15 asked, I suspect. But it seems to me that in its essence the
16 Sixth Amendment is a trial right or a preparation for trial
17 right, and if counsel is denied, as in Powell, an adequate
18 time to prepare, or denied at trial, as in Gideon, you have a
19 violation of the Sixth Amendment itself.

20 QUESTION: Suppose the district attorney himself or
21 herself had conducted the questioning after appointment of
22 counsel and without a waiver. Would that have been a
23 violation of the Sixth Amendment?

24 And let me tell you that the reason I ask the question is
25 because there are many reasons why you may wish to interrogate

1 a defendant other than simply to obtain evidence. You may
2 want to see his or her demeanor, how they react to a certain
3 line of questioning. And if you say there is no Sixth
4 Amendment violation unless there is some evidence introduced,
5 it would seem to me that there would be many reasons why
6 prosecutors would want to go down and talk to the people
7 they're going to put on trial.

8 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, again, I struggle with the question
9 because it seemed to me that the Sixth Amendment was in
10 essence a trial right. And, for example, I can see situations
11 in the Fifth Amendment, if I could compare for just a moment,
12 where an individual could even be coerced into giving a
13 statement, but his Fifth Amendment right wouldn't be violated
14 until the evidence is offered because his right is not to be
15 compelled to be a witness against himself.

16 QUESTION: But the language of the Fifth Amendment is
17 different, of course.

18 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct.

19 QUESTION: It suggests that result. That's not the
20 language of the Sixth Amendment.

21 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, the Sixth Amendment to me does not
22 suggest on its face any necessary role for counsel at
23 interrogation prior to the attachment of the right.

24 In the first portion of my brief I attempted to argue or
25 to make the point that there is at least some theoretical

1 question as to the underpinning of the entire doctrine of
2 counsel even having a role at this stage. I'm not planning to
3 argue that point today, but all I wish to suggest there is
4 that there is an argument to be made that perhaps this court
5 has taken the doctrine of the right to counsel at impeachment
6 as far as it ought to go so that it should not extend it to
7 impeachment use.

8 What I am suggesting here with the first portion of my
9 argument as to the prophylactic rule is simply that Jackson is
10 a prophylactic rule in terms of guarding the Sixth Amendment
11 right to counsel, and that there hasn't been a finding in this
12 case by any court that the respondent didn't otherwise validly
13 waive his right to counsel. The issue was never litigated in
14 this case.

15 QUESTION: And the Michigan Court of Appeals relied on
16 Jackson for its holding?

17 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes, it did. On appeal what the Michigan
18 Court of Appeals stated was that the -- and I quote -- that
19 the statement was made in violation of defendant's Sixth
20 Amendment right to counsel, see, e.g., Michigan v. Jackson. A
21 statement so acquired may not be used for any purpose,
22 including impeachment. And that was the extent of the court
23 of appeals analysis in this case.

24 That court made no independent inquiry as to whether
25 there had been an otherwise valid waiver of the right to

1 counsel, and there was no need for it to do so because in
2 Jackson this Court had held that any waiver of the right to
3 counsel occurring after its assertion and occurring at
4 police-initiated interrogation is simply invalid. There is no
5 need for further inquiry.

6 That case, Michigan v. Jackson, was premised on Edwards
7 v. Arizona and imported directly the Edwards rule that when an
8 accused asserts his Miranda counsel right to cut off
9 questioning, any waiver occurring subsequently at
10 police-initiated interrogation is simply invalid without any
11 further inquiry into the manner in which that waiver might
12 have occurred. But I would --

13 QUESTION: Mr. Baughman, would you just -- I was trying
14 to remember this sequence. This was not only after he'd been
15 -- this particular questioning was -- was it after he'd been
16 both charged and after a lawyer had been appointed to
17 represent --

18 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. This was after arraignment and
19 assertion of the right to counsel by a claim of indigency and
20 the appointment of counsel.

21 QUESTION: So the prosecutor and the police knew he was
22 represented and he had a lawyer that they could contact?

23 MR. BAUGHMAN: I'm sure the police were undoubtedly aware
24 of that. I can't say this individual officer was that he said
25 he wanted to talk to. But that's -- when he said, "But I

1 don't know if I should talk to my lawyer," that pretty well
2 told them, I think.

3 QUESTION: Do you think the case would be any different
4 -- I'm just thinking of Justice Kennedy's question -- if the
5 questioning had been by the prosecutor?

6 MR. BAUGHMAN: As to the Sixth Amendment I don't think it
7 would make a difference, but I think we'd be into a different
8 question in the State of Michigan as to the application of the
9 ethical standards.

10 QUESTION: It would be clearly unethical, wouldn't it?

11 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes, it would.

12 QUESTION: It's not unethical for the prosecutor to use
13 an agent to do it? Is that right?

14 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, if the prosecutor used an agent,
15 that is, told the police officer to go talk to him, I think
16 that would also be unethical. The cannons say a lawyer can't
17 communicate or cause another.

18 But the prosecutor did not tell this officer to talk to
19 the individual. In fact, he --

20 QUESTION: Do you think --

21 MR. BAUGHMAN: -- did not know this was going on.

22 QUESTION: Do you think the case would be different if
23 the prosecutor had told the police officer to go ahead and see
24 what you can find out?

25 MR. BAUGHMAN: Under the cannons I think definitely it

1 would be.

2 QUESTION: How about constitutionally?

3 MR. BAUGHMAN: No, I don't think it would be different
4 constitutionally. But I think we would not be here because of
5 the cannons and the way Michigan has construed those.

6 QUESTION: But going back again to the constitutional
7 question, you think it would not be a constitutional violation
8 for the prosecutor himself or herself to go ahead and question
9 the --

10 MR. BAUGHMAN: I don't think the constitutional question
11 would turn on who does the asking.

12 QUESTION: I don't understand why you say that the case
13 wouldn't be here because of the violation of the cannons. Do
14 we exclude evidence because of violation of the cannons now?

15 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, no. I think if the Michigan Supreme
16 Court or Court of Appeals had said this case is reversed
17 because we find as a matter of state law that a violation of
18 the cannons precludes use of the evidence for any purpose,
19 then I think the case would have been decided on a state law
20 basis and we wouldn't have a federal ground to go on.

21 This Court has recognized that the in the Edwards context
22 that the court there was not dealing with a constitutional
23 rule. In Solem v. Sterns this Court said, in declining to
24 afford Edwards' retroactive effect that the court in Edwards
25 had created a protective umbrella serving to enhance the

1 constitutional guarantee and referred to the rule in Edwards
2 as a prophylactic rule. The court stated that Edwards
3 established a bright-line rule to safeguard preexisting
4 rights, not a new substantive requirement.

5 So, is it possible to violate a protective rule to, as it
6 were, pierce the protective umbrella, without violating the
7 underlying constitutional principle that the protective rule
8 or umbrella was designed to protect? And I think this Court
9 has answered that question in the affirmative on more than one
10 occasion.

11 For example, in Miranda this Court has held time and
12 again that the Miranda warnings themselves are not
13 constitutional rights but are prophylactic rules designed to
14 protect the underlying constitutional right, that of a
15 compelled self-incrimination.

16 QUESTION: Well, Counsel, if you take the position that
17 the violation of the Sixth Amendment occurs at the time the
18 evidence is offered at trial, then it seems to me very
19 difficult to argue that it's only a prophylactic rule. Then
20 you're dealing with the violation itself.

21 If you took the position that the violation occurred when
22 the questioning occurred, then I can understand that you could
23 have a prophylactic rule that says you won't use it at trial.
24 But I find your argument hard to follow.

25 MR. BAUGHMAN: I think your Honor is correct, and I see

1 your point. I'm tending to confuse the Sixth and the Fifth
2 Amendments. I think that if error occurred in the
3 constitutional sense, whether it be a prophylactic rule or the
4 underlying right, it would have to occur at questioning.

5 The admission of the evidence is the question of whether
6 or not any remedy springs or not. If it's not admitted, no
7 remedy springs. If it is, then there is a litigable point.
8 So, I think your Honor is correct.

9 QUESTION: But, Counsel, is it not possible that there is
10 a constitutional violation at both times? That (a) it's a
11 constitutional violation to engage in this kind of questioning
12 when the man is represented by counsel, and (b) it's a
13 constitutional violation to introduce it at trial.

14 You seemed to think the second was the case just very
15 naturally. I don't think they are necessarily inconsistent
16 with one another.

17 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, I think, for example, it's
18 conceivable that the individual could be questioned and then
19 no prosecution brought or the case dropped. I concede that --

20 QUESTION: Not after -- after he's been indicted, do you
21 think a police officer can come back and say, I've just asked
22 him some questions and he says he's innocent so we'll drop the
23 --

24 MR. BAUGHMAN: No, I don't think so. But new evidence
25 might be uncovered, for example, pointing in another

1 direction. Or somebody else might confess and the charges
2 could be dropped. Charges have been dropped up to and
3 including during trial in cases. It's conceivable that it
4 could happen and the evidence never be offered.

5 I suspect I would not say, given Justice O'Connor's
6 questions -- I think she's correct that I couldn't say that
7 means no violation had ever occurred when the questioning
8 occurred previously. It simply didn't ripen into anything
9 that one would litigate.

10 QUESTION: It's also true that if a violation -- if you
11 acknowledge a violation occurred at that time, then it's quite
12 different from the Miranda situation in which the warning is
13 given in order to avoid a violation.

14 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, I -- but I'm not conceding that what
15 was violated in this case was the constitution of the
16 questioning. I'm not conceding that there was not a valid
17 waiver of the right to counsel.

18 I'm conceding that Michigan v. Jackson was violated and
19 the question --

20 QUESTION: Well, what is Michigan v. Jackson? I don't
21 understand that.

22 MR. BAUGHMAN: Michigan v. Jackson states that if the
23 individual has asserted his right to counsel, the police
24 simply may not initiate any questioning with him unless he
25 goes forward first, which is the precise rule of Edwards

1 transposed from the Fifth Amendment into the Sixth Amendment.

2 The rule of Edwards is that if the individual exercises
3 his Miranda counsel right, he can't be interrogated again
4 unless he initiates. It's the same rule from the Fifth into
5 the Sixth.

6 And this Court has said in the Edwards context that
7 that's a prophylactic rule designed to protect voluntariness.

8 QUESTION: To -- To protect to avoid constitutional
9 violation.

10 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's -- that's correct.

11 QUESTION: But here you're saying a constitutional
12 violation has occurred.

13 MR. BAUGHMAN: No, I'm saying a Jackson violation has
14 occurred. What I am conceding in this case is that -- that
15 this was not an initiation by the defendant. And I'm
16 conceding that simply because of the colloquy that occurred
17 between the police officer and --

18 QUESTION: I think you changed your position from your
19 answer to Justice O'Connor which was that a constitutional
20 violation occurred at the time of questioning.

21 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, let me try to make it clear. The
22 violation that occurred in this case occurred at the time of
23 the questioning is what I'm now conceding to Justice O'Connor.
24 But I'm not conceding that that was a violation of the Sixth
25 Amendment because that question has really never been

1 litigated. All that was decided was that Jackson was
2 violated.

3 And what I'm arguing to this Court today in the first
4 portion of my argument is that Jackson establishes a
5 prophylactic rule to protect waivers of counsel so that if an
6 individual has asserted his right to counsel, you just can't
7 question him at all.

8 But I think that it is certainly conceivable and possible
9 that if the police do initiate interrogation after the
10 assertion of the right to counsel and we examined all the
11 surrounding facts, that one could say as a matter of actual
12 fact that a voluntary and intelligent and knowing waiver of
13 the right to counsel has occurred.

14 If that can occur, if it is possible to actually
15 voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently waive the right to
16 counsel, when the police initiate the interrogation, then the
17 rule prohibiting that must be a prophylactic rule designed to
18 protect, insure and enhance that guarantee, just as in the
19 Edwards context it seeks to protect.

20 QUESTION: Well, what if, taking Justice Kennedy's
21 example, the police had taken him up into the courtroom and
22 set him on the witness stand with nobody there except the
23 prosecutor and the police and said, we'd just like to ask you
24 a few questions, and he says, I don't know whether I should or
25 not, and, maybe I ought to talk to my lawyer. Anyway, they go

1 ahead and ask him the questions and he goes ahead and answers
2 them. He says, I will do it, maybe they want to see how he
3 performs on the stand.

4 Would that itself violate a constitutional right, do you
5 think? Do you think he had a right to have a lawyer with him
6 in that proceeding?

7 MR. BAUGHMAN: In other words, if everything that
8 occurred here had occurred but in a different setting?

9 QUESTION: In a courtroom and the prosecutor himself or
10 herself present and they say, we may not want to use this, but
11 we just want to see how you respond to questions in a
12 courtroom.

13 MR. BAUGHMAN: I think it may well be in those
14 circumstances, and it may well be --

15 QUESTION: The question is would he have a right to have
16 a -- could they do that without having a lawyer with him?

17 MR. BAUGHMAN: Again, if he validly and intelligently and
18 knowingly waived his right to counsel, I don't think the Sixth
19 Amendment would be violated and it would turn on the facts of
20 each case.

21 Initiating the contact at all would violate Jackson, but
22 it's possible that after that initiation he may meet a Johnson
23 v. Zerbst standard, or any other standard, for waiver.

24 In this case, that was never litigated because below the
25 respondent or defense counsel at trial, who was not Mr.

1 Morgan, did not object to the use of this statement for
2 impeachment purposes and, therefore, there was never any
3 record developed as to what happened in terms of any warning,
4 how the defendant came to speak. That was never fully
5 explored because all that mattered was -- to the Michigan
6 Court of Appeals -- was that Jackson was violated because they
7 treated this as a police-initiated interrogation.

8 QUESTION: And they ruled that notwithstanding the
9 failure to object to its use in the trial court, they would
10 reach it and reverse the conviction.

11 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct. The Michigan Court of
12 Appeals did three things. They forgave the failure to object;
13 they found a Jackson violation and said that a Jackson
14 violative statement cannot be used for impeachment; and they
15 held that this was not harmless error.

16 Now, I think as to one in three, as to forgiving the
17 failure to object and a finding of a lack of harmless error,
18 that the court erred egregiously. But they held what they
19 held. And because they held in the way they held, we are here
20 on the second issue with a rather scant record because the
21 issue was never developed in the trial court due to the
22 failure to object.

23 QUESTION: Has Massiah got anything to do with this case?

24 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, if there is a -- if there were a
25 Sixth Amendment violation in this case, then it would be a

1 violation of Massiah. If --

2 QUESTION: Well, how about -- is Massiah relevant to
3 deciding whether there was a Sixth Amendment violation?

4 MR. BAUGHMAN: I don't think absent Michigan v. Jackson
5 what occurred here would necessarily be a Massiah. The
6 question would be --

7 QUESTION: Why not?

8 MR. BAUGHMAN: Because the question would be -- which has
9 never been resolved -- did the respondent validly waive his
10 right to counsel when the police initiated the interrogation.
11 Until Jackson, this Court had not said the police can't
12 initiate.

13 In Massiah and Brewer v. Williams, there was initiated
14 interrogation by the police. But what divided this Court was
15 whether there was an appropriate waiver, not that the police
16 had initiated the contact -- that was not the concern of the
17 Court in those cases. But it was in Michigan v. Jackson.

18 QUESTION: Yeah, but there was a concern that he had a
19 lawyer.

20 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes, there was a concern that he had a
21 lawyer and there was a Sixth Amendment violation found because
22 the right had attached and the court held it wasn't validly
23 waived. It was the waiver question that divided the court in
24 those cases. Did he waive it or not? Not that he couldn't be
25 approached, but that he didn't waive counsel when it was

1 approached.

2 And that question, did he waive counsel --

3 QUESTION: Well, if he didn't waive it -- but absent
4 waiver, there was a Sixth Amendment violation just from the
5 questioning.

6 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's true, absent waiver. I'm -- I'm
7 simply saying that the waiver question has never really been
8 explored in this case because if you find a Jackson violation,
9 that's the end of the analysis.

10 QUESTION: Well, do --

11 MR. BAUGHMAN: If you don't find an initiation.

12 QUESTION: Didn't Massiah have an element of
13 surreptitiousness to it on the part of the government?

14 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. In Massiah, the -- Massiah did not
15 realize that he was speaking to a government agent, Colson,
16 who was in the car and wearing a wire, as I recall. So, --

17 QUESTION: So, just answering the questions didn't amount
18 to a waiver?

19 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct. There was -- he didn't
20 know he was speaking to a government agent so he couldn't very
21 well waive his right to counsel.

22 QUESTION: Was there any doubt here that the defendant
23 knew he was speaking to a police officer?

24 MR. BAUGHMAN: Oh, no. None whatsoever.

25 As I've said, the first part of my argument was simply

1 that this Court should not find that exclusion of evidence for
2 impeachment purposes is required when a prophylactic rule has
3 been violated, and I tried to urge that Jackson is such a
4 rule.

5 But, more fundamentally, if this Court were to determine
6 that what happened here was a violation of the Sixth Amendment
7 as well, we would also urge that this Court not call that
8 exclusion of the evidence for impeachment is required.

9 This Court has considered the question of impeachment use
10 of evidence when it has been obtained in violation of a
11 constitutional principle rather than a prophylactic rule with
12 regard to two amendments, the Fourth and the Fifth. And this
13 Court has reached different conclusions with regard to the
14 remedy, depending on which amendment is involved, and we
15 submit for good reason.

16 With the Fifth Amendment this Court has held that
17 statements which are compelled are admissible for no purpose
18 whatsoever. Even those cases allowing impeachment use of
19 evidence obtained in violation of one of the Miranda
20 prophylactic rules recognized if those statements are also
21 compelled and therefore taken in violation of the Fifth
22 Amendment and not simply the prophylactic rule, that no use
23 may be made of those statements.

24 QUESTION: If you have a defendant who has been given
25 counsel and the police know he's got counsel, you think there

1 is no violation of the Sixth Amendment if the police go to him
2 and as if he would like to waive his right to counsel and
3 talk?

4 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct. I think that's not a
5 violation of the Sixth Amendment necessarily. We'd look at
6 all the facts.

7 QUESTION: You don't think it's a violation of the Sixth
8 Amendment when the defendant has counsel for the police or the
9 prosecution to approach the defendant?

10 MR. BAUGHMAN: Again, not necessarily. Looking to
11 Massiah and Brewer, where this Court was split -- five/four in
12 both cases -- where it focused on the facts was there a
13 waiver. Not that there couldn't be a waiver, but was there a
14 waiver.

15 And I think as to whether the Sixth Amendment was
16 violated, that's what this Court would have to focus on. And
17 if in this case it was found that there is a Sixth Amendment
18 violation, again, I would say that impeachment use should be
19 allowed.

20 QUESTION: Excuse me. In theory how would we have
21 declared this unlawful if it was not a Sixth Amendment
22 violation? I mean, it's very nice -- you're drawing a line
23 between a Sixth Amendment violation and a prophylactic rule.
24 But the prophylactic rule is enunciated by saying, well, you
25 know, the core of the Sixth Amendment is just this, but in

1 order to protect that core we're going to say that a Sixth
2 Amendment violation constitutes this greater body of activity.

3 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, I don't know if that's exactly what
4 this Court has done because, again, if you look to the Fifth
5 Amendment, this Court has said the core is this -- compelled
6 self-incrimination -- and here are some rules, prophylactic
7 rules, to protect that core. And if these are violated, you
8 can't use the evidence in the case in chief -- even if this
9 isn't violated.

10 QUESTION: Of course, if there would be a Sixth Amendment
11 violation just by the police approaching him, Jackson wouldn't
12 have been necessary, I suppose.

13 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct. I think that's true.
14 This Court could have said in Massiah or Brewer, or other
15 cases, that the police approach rendered anything that was
16 voluntary or was impermissible, and you would not have gotten
17 into the splits in the court in those cases as to whether or
18 not the waiver had occurred. They would have been very easy
19 cases to decide, I believe.

20 In Portash this Court held that the Fifth Amendment
21 violation is admissible for no purpose whatsoever and that
22 that principle did not turn on whether or not the statement
23 might be reliable because there the compulsion was a judicial
24 order rather than physical force.

25 But in reversing the lower court, this court said that

1 the linchpin of the Fifth Amendment is not reliability, it's
2 coercion. So, any coerced statements by a governmental agent
3 simply cannot be used for any purpose whatsoever because, as
4 Justice Stewart put it, in that case the court was dealing
5 with the constitutional privilege in its most pristine form.

6 That's what the Fifth Amendment is for. It's to exclude
7 an evidence from evidence a class of testimonial evidence,
8 compelled statements. That's why it exists.

9 But with the Fourth Amendment, as contrasted to the
10 Fifth, this Court has reached a different result. This Court
11 has held that when that right is violated, rather than a
12 prophylactic rule designed to protect it -- and I'm unaware of
13 any, frankly -- that use of evidence for impeachment purposes
14 illegally seized under the Fourth Amendment is permissible.

15 Beginning 35 years ago in *Walder*, this Court has
16 consistently held to that proposition, recognizing that
17 arriving at the truth is the fundamental goal of our system of
18 justice and that full cross-examination is, as Wigmore has
19 said, the greatest legal engine ever invented.

20 QUESTION: Counsel, I thought there was some evidence in
21 this case that the defendant himself told the police officer
22 he'd like to make another statement.

23 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct, there is. The -- the --

24 QUESTION: But you appear to concede that the police
25 approached him. Did you mean to do that?

1 MR. BAUGHMAN: No, I -- what I'm conceding is -- because
2 we conceded it in the trial court -- is that when the
3 defendant stated, "I wish to make -- I'd like to make another
4 statement," and then said, "I don't know if I should talk to
5 my lawyer or not," and the officer said, "Well, you don't need
6 to because we'll give him the statement," that that should not
7 be treated as initiated by the defendant. That his remark
8 turned it into an initiated interrogation by the police
9 because of his rather ambiguous remark about counsel.

10 The trial prosecutor conceded that's why she wouldn't use
11 it in her case in chief. And I'm not disputing here that this
12 should not be treated as the police -- that it should be
13 treated as police-initiated interrogation.

14 QUESTION: Well, if we adopt your rule, what's to prevent
15 the police from just dropping by the jail cell every morning
16 and saying, "Would you like to talk to us today?"

17 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, I would submit that certainly abuse
18 of police conduct shouldn't be allowed. And there is a --

19 QUESTION: Well, is that abusive? They just drop by
20 every morning because there is no deterrent under your rule,
21 as I see.

22 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, I think the deterrent is any -- any
23 evidence so gained can't be used in the case in chief. It's
24 admitted -- it's --

25 QUESTION: Well, they can't -- they don't have that

1 evidence anyway, by hypothesis. There is no down-side, in
2 other words.

3 MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, there is --

4 QUESTION: So far as the defendant is concerned, they are
5 finished with him the minute they have -- he has counsel. But
6 under your rule, they might as well have the evidence for
7 impeachment. That's better than no evidence at all.

8 QUESTION: A pretty unsanitary prophylactic rule in other
9 words.

10 MR. BAUGHMAN: This Court faces the very same question in
11 Haas. In Haas what happened was the individual was given his
12 Miranda right to counsel and asked for a lawyer. And the
13 police kept questioning and a statement was taken.

14 This Court said expressly, "one might concede that when
15 proper Miranda warnings have been given and the officer then
16 continues his interrogation after the suspect asks for an
17 attorney," which I submit is analogous to what your Honor is
18 suggesting, "the officer may be said to have little to lose
19 and perhaps something to gain by way of uncovering possibly
20 impeachment material. This speculative possibility, however,
21 is even greater where the warnings are defective and the
22 defect is not known to the officer. In any event, the balance
23 was struck in Harris and we are not disposed to change it
24 now."

25 I would submit that the instant situation is really

1 almost perfectly analogous to what happened in Haas. Request
2 for counsel and interrogation continued. Here was --

3 QUESTION: That's because the right to counsel hadn't
4 attached.

5 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct. One is a Fifth Amendment
6 and one is a Sixth Amendment. But as to --

7 QUESTION: One is not a Fifth Amendment. One is a
8 prophylactic, according to you at least -- a prophylactic rule
9 designed to avoid Fifth Amendment violations.

10 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's correct.

11 QUESTION: The other is a consummated Sixth Amendment
12 violation.

13 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's true, but as to the deterrent
14 effect on the police on exclusion of impeachment evidence, I
15 believe the situations are analogous. The police don't want
16 to get evidence illegally. They're not out there trying to
17 violate all constitutional principles.

18 And there is a concern that they might get a statement
19 that would be otherwise admissible and now they can't use it.
20 They might evidence which -- a statement which they derive
21 evidence from and they get into the fruit of the poisonous
22 tree analysis.

23 The police aren't trying to violate the Constitution.
24 There is a good deterrence rationale on excluding it in the
25 case in chief, and I think this Court's remarks in Haas that

1 it's speculative as to whether there is an increased effect if
2 you exclude it for impeachment use is valid here.

3 Haas was decided 15 years ago and I've seen nothing in
4 the literature and nothing has been suggested in response to
5 --

6 QUESTION: But, Mr. Baughman, don't you recognize that
7 there is -- even under your ethical standards you referred to
8 earlier about the prosecutor, if the right had not attached,
9 the prosecutor could go ahead and interrogate the suspect,
10 wouldn't he?

11 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes.

12 QUESTION: There wouldn't be any ethical violation then,
13 but apparently under Michigan law there is a very sharp
14 distinction between the relationship that arises once a man is
15 charged and has a lawyer: Different -- it's a different ball
16 game.

17 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. Yes. But, again, I --

18 QUESTION: You think it shouldn't be, though?

19 MR. BAUGHMAN: I think the deterrent principle as to
20 whether or not there's any deterrence gained or it's
21 significant enough to warrant the detraction from the
22 truth-finding process that happens when you exclude the
23 evidence for impeachment purposes is simply the same in this
24 situation as it is in Haas.

25 Again, I see nothing to suggest that since Haas police

1 routinely continued to interrogate people after they assert
2 the Miranda right to counsel. And it's been 15 years. I
3 suspect if one were to say that Haas had opened the floodgates
4 to illegal police behavior, that we might have heard about it
5 by now. And I think that translates to the situation also
6 where we would see the same sort of situation.

7 Thank you.

8 CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST: Thank you, Mr. Baughman.
9 Mr. Morgan.

10 ORAL ARGUMENT OF ROBERT M. MORGAN, ESQ.

11 ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT

12 MR. MORGAN: Mr. Chief Justice, may it please the Court,
13 Respondent submits that this case involves the essence, the
14 absolute unqualified essence of the Sixth Amendment right to
15 counsel. There is no question the right had attached;
16 respondent was formally charged. There is no question that he
17 asserted that right; he requested an attorney.

18 That attorney then stood as the medium, as this Court has
19 indicated in Jackson, between the state and the respondent for
20 all contacts. There is no question, then, notwithstanding
21 that medium, notwithstanding that assertion of the right to
22 counsel, the state interfered with that right. The state
23 interfered concededly, deliberately --

24 QUESTION: When did the violation occur?

25 MR. MORGAN: The violation occurred both, Justice Connor

1 -- QUESTION: O'Connor.

2 MR. MORGAN: O'Connor. I'm sorry, Justice. At the time
3 of the interference. But I don't think that ends the
4 analysis. I think the next step is to look to see is there
5 prejudice. Or, in other words, did the state gain some
6 advantage. Did the state use it, and not just use it in the
7 sense of, as the Solicitor General argued in the amicus brief,
8 that, well, they only used it in essence to generate
9 impeachment and that's not so bad.

10 Well, there are many uses. The example of put respondent
11 in the witness chair and ask him a few questions and size him
12 up is a use which is to the state's advantage.

13 QUESTION: Can the defendant waive his Sixth Amendment
14 right to counsel?

15 MR. MORGAN: A defendant can waive his Sixth Amendment
16 right, certainly, but after assertion of the right then it is
17 respondent's position that counsel has some role in that
18 waiver. And I think that's the essential notion that was
19 contained in Michigan --

20 QUESTION: There was no determination here, I gather, of
21 whether the defendant waive his right.

22 MR. MORGAN: There is -- and I don't think there could
23 be, frankly. The record is insufficient --

24 QUESTION: You don't think the court could have made that
25 determination?

1 MR. MORGAN: No, not on the record because the state also
2 concedes -- they concede the Sixth Amendment violation. They
3 concede a Miranda defective admonition. And by virtue of
4 that, then, I think implicitly there cannot be a waiver of the
5 Sixth Amendment right.

6 But it is -- a violation may occur at the time of
7 interference by the state. But it is then -- the next step is
8 prejudice. Was there some use -- did the state gain an
9 advantage? You could have a violation, no question -- a Sixth
10 Amendment violation but no prejudice to defendant, no use.

11 Weatherford v. Percy, albeit in a civil context, is an
12 example. Undercover officer acting under cover posing as a --
13 as a defendant, intruding in the attorney-client relationship
14 and intruding in the defense camp. But, of course, the court
15 said that certainly there was a violation. But there was no
16 prejudice because the officer never, never shared anything he
17 learned with the prosecutor. Consequently there was no
18 prejudice, there was no use.

19 But there are many ways in which the state can engage in
20 a Sixth Amendment violation here and gain an advantage or
21 prejudice --

22 QUESTION: Well, wouldn't -- wouldn't your argument be
23 just as strong if it were just an Edwards' violation?

24 MR. MORGAN: No, I don't believe so because --

25 QUESTION: Well, the -- the police would have every --

1 the same -- the same possible urge to go ahead and question,
2 knowing that they could use the forbidden statements for
3 impeachment.

4 MR. MORGAN: Well, I think --

5 QUESTION: They would also find out how he responds to
6 questions, what his demeanor is.

7 MR. MORGAN: I think, thought, Edwards involved a
8 prophylactic rule. Here we're talking about the substantive
9 --

10 QUESTION: No. That's just a --

11 MR. MORGAN: -- constitutional amendment.

12 QUESTION: That's just a difference in language as far as
13 the possible advantage to the state is concerned.

14 MR. MORGAN: Well, it's a critical difference in language
15 because in Edwards certainly there had been no assertion of
16 the right to counsel.

17 QUESTION: Well --

18 MR. MORGAN: Edwards is a prophylactic rule which --

19 QUESTION: Well, for Edwards to take -- for Edwards to
20 take hold at all, there has to be an assertion of the right to
21 counsel. After an assertion you can't -- the police can't go
22 back to him.

23 MR. MORGAN: But in Edwards I believe it was an assertion
24 of right to counsel in a Fifth Amendment context.

25 QUESTION: Well, I know, but the --

1 MR. MORGAN: And some would say --

2 QUESTION: -- but the rights certainly attach then that
3 he had a right to counsel under the Fifth Amendment to --

4 MR. MORGAN: The right --

5 QUESTION: -- to -- for the lawyer to be there and the
6 police weren't supposed to talk to him.

7 MR. MORGAN: The right --

8 QUESTION: But they went ahead and talked to him.

9 MR. MORGAN: The right to counsel in that context
10 attached. The Sixth Amendment right to counsel to have the
11 lawyer serve as the medium for all contacts between the state
12 and the defendant had not attached.

13 There are many --

14 QUESTION: Are you saying that the police could not
15 approach a defendant after he has perhaps been assigned
16 counsel and asked him if he wanted to make a statement and the
17 defendant could not waive that right?

18 MR. MORGAN: That, we submit, is the essence of the
19 court's holding in Michigan v. Jackson.

20 QUESTION: That's not a prophylactic rule? You say that
21 is -- that is core Sixth Amendment?

22 MR. MORGAN: That is core Sixth Amendment, that's
23 correct.

24 QUESTION: How do you get that from the text? I mean,
25 the text says you're entitled to counsel.

1 QUESTION: Yeah.

2 QUESTION: Where does it -- how is it the core that since
3 you're entitled to counsel you can't even approach somebody
4 who has counsel and say would you waive your right to counsel?
5 How can you possibly consider that the core rather than
6 prophylactic?

7 MR. MORGAN: Well, because it is -- that -- you're
8 approaching the defendant in the context of the adversarial
9 process. You're approaching the defendant at a time after the
10 defendant has asserted that right and by asserting that right
11 has said, I realize I cannot deal with the state, I am
12 incapable of dealing with the state. That's what the assertion
13 of the right to counsel means.

14 QUESTION: No, I don't think it means that. It seems to
15 me that's a prophylactic rule. The assertion of the right to
16 counsel is: I am entitled to deal with the state through
17 counsel. That's what the Sixth Amendment requires. But I'm
18 certainly free to waive that.

19 Now, as a prophylactic rule we've said you can't even ask
20 for a waiver. But I don't see how the fact that you can't
21 even ask for a waiver is the core of the Sixth Amendment. You
22 really think that's not prophylactic?

23 MR. MORGAN: It is the presence of counsel at that
24 critical stage which is the core of the Sixth Amendment.
25 Counsel should be there at the time the state approaches the

1 defendant and asks him to seek to waive his right.

2 QUESTION: That's the core?

3 QUESTION: The counsel -- defendant can approach the
4 police and tell them I want to make a statement.

5 MR. MORGAN: In Michigan v. Jackson the court uses --
6 makes repeated reference to police-initiated --

7 QUESTION: Yes.

8 MR. MORGAN: In this case, though, the state concedes
9 that Michigan v. Jackson is --

10 QUESTION: Yes, but -- but I thought your position was
11 this right simply could not be waived once it attached. And
12 yet certainly nothing in Michigan v. Jackson holds that a
13 counsel defendant cannot on himself go to the police and say,
14 look I want to tell you something.

15 MR. MORGAN: But I think the thrust of Jackson is that
16 waiver in that context must be an exacting waiver and the
17 court speaks of Johnson v. Zerbst. Certainly, there is
18 nothing to prevent a defendant from pleading guilty in a case,
19 but we would not countenance a plea proceeding where the
20 defendant --

21 QUESTION: Well, I'm not talking about a plea proceeding.
22 I'm talking -- the guy is in a jail cell and he says to
23 somebody that comes by, I want to talk to the police. And the
24 police come and he says, I know that I have a lawyer, I have a
25 right to a lawyer, I have a right not to say anything at all,

1 I've considered all that and I want to say something to you.

2 MR. MORGAN: It raises a troubling contradiction.

3 QUESTION: What's the contradiction?

4 MR. MORGAN: The notion that -- contained in Jackson that
5 in spite of full complete Miranda warnings, in spite of the
6 fact that Jackson evidently made a voluntary statement, in
7 spite of the fact that he made that statement knowingly,
8 intelligently -- a voluntary statement in compliance with
9 Miranda -- the court still held that because the right to
10 counsel had attached that that waiver was not sufficient.

11 QUESTION: Yes, but the facts in Michigan against Jackson
12 were that the police had initiated the thing. What I'm
13 positing to you is totally initiated by the defendant. Your
14 position is like what Justice Frankfurter criticized in Adams
15 against McCann. You imprison the defendant in his rights.

16 MR. MORGAN: Well, the defendant is always free to forgo
17 the right to counsel.

18 QUESTION: And he's -- then, in my example, though, he's
19 free to go to the police or ask the police -- tell them, I
20 want to make a statement. The police are free to receive that
21 statement. Is that correct?

22 MR. MORGAN: Respondent's position would be that the
23 police have an obligation to provide notice to the defendant's
24 counsel that -- that --

25 QUESTION: Who -- what case do you rely on for that?

1 MR. MORGAN: We rely in essence of our reading of
2 Michigan v. Jackson.

3 QUESTION: Does Jackson say that?

4 MR. MORGAN: Well, it says that there was no valid
5 waiver. What is the difference if it's police-initiated or
6 defendant-initiated? The court --

7 QUESTION: Then our Edwards decision and our Michigan
8 against Jackson decision really make little sense because I
9 thought both of those turned on the idea that there is a
10 critical difference whether it's police-initiated or
11 defendant-initiated.

12 MR. MORGAN: But this Court in Henry, for example, said
13 that within a Sixth Amendment context it is irrelevant who
14 initiated the contact.

15 QUESTION: Well, there is an element of surreptitiousness
16 that you also had in Massiah.

17 MR. MORGAN: Yes, sir.

18 QUESTION: Well, -- there is a violation of the Sixth
19 Amendment somewhere in this process you started to argue about
20 why the -- why the statement that was taken could not be used
21 for impeachment. Why is that? Why is this case different
22 from Walder and the Fourth Amendment cases and the Miranda
23 cases?

24 MR. MORGAN: Because the analogy to the Fourth Amendment
25 is simply inappropriate. The Fourth Amendment is a right that

1 all citizens have. It is not a procedural right, such as the
2 Sixth Amendment. It does not extend to the integrity of the
3 trial process. It does not encompass the essential components
4 of the right to counsel, notions of trustworthiness, notions
5 of reliability.

6 In the Fourth Amendment the harm is complete at the time
7 that it's done. It simply is an inappropriate analogy to a
8 core violation of the Sixth Amendment.

9 QUESTION: What's the difference between this and the
10 Miranda/Edwards situation?

11 MR. MORGAN: Because Miranda as a prophylactic rule is
12 just that, judicially crafted as the Fourth Amendment
13 exclusionary rule designed as an outer layer of protection not
14 involving a direct violation of the constitutional amendment
15 itself.

16 QUESTION: Yeah, but in terms of the theory of our cases
17 that -- allowing the use of this illegally-taken evidence for
18 impeachment, I don't see why the rationale of those cases --
19 or, maybe you can tell me why the rationale of those cases
20 doesn't apply here.

21 MR. MORGAN: Because --

22 QUESTION: The defendant is testifying on the stand and
23 he -- and he testifies quite contrary to some statement he
24 made to the police.

25 MR. MORGAN: Of course, here it was not quite contrary.

1 They're very --

2 QUESTION: I know. But it were, your argument would
3 cover that like a blanket.

4 MR. MORGAN: My argument would cover --

5 QUESTION: Yes.

6 MR. MORGAN: -- that as well because in essence what I
7 think the state is asking the court to do is to look through
8 the wrong end of the telescope, to focus solely on the
9 truth-seeking function to the exclusion of the larger context.
10 And the larger context is that this was an interrogation in
11 violation of the right to counsel.

12 QUESTION: So you think the balance should come out
13 differently?

14 MR. MORGAN: There should be no balancing at all, and
15 that is our position. That this is in the larger context --
16 it's as much an adversarial proceeding in private as the trial
17 may be. It may be as critical or more critical than the
18 trial. The need for the presence of counsel is just as
19 critical.

20 The state argues that, well, the rule of counsel in
21 essence -- it's -- it's limited to the trial courtroom, it
22 really doesn't come into play. But, to borrow a phrase from a
23 well-known Congressional investigation, the lawyer is not a
24 potted plant. The lawyer plays a role at that kind of
25 interrogation. The lawyer's role is to ensure that the

1 questions are fairly stated. More importantly, the lawyer's
2 role is to ensure that the client comprehends the questions.

3 QUESTION: But if Michigan against Jackson is a
4 prophylactic rule, then presumably we would get into a little
5 balancing to determine if that's violated -- whether the
6 evidence can be used for impeachment.

7 MR. MORGAN: Assuming Michigan v. Jackson is
8 prophylactic, it's respondent's position that here there was
9 not only a violation of the prophylactic rules conceded by the
10 state but also a substantive violation of the Sixth Amendment
11 itself. And because there was a violation of the Sixth
12 Amendment, we don't get into that balancing.

13 QUESTION: But that's not what the Michigan Court of
14 Appeals held. They cited Michigan against Jackson, as I
15 recall -- and only Michigan against Jackson.

16 MR. MORGAN: That's correct. They say that also People
17 v. Gonyea, but that is not a case that rests on state grounds.
18 That was a plurality opinion, three justices basing their
19 opinion on the state constitution, three justices dissenting,
20 saying that use of the state grounds was a pretext to evade
21 review here, and the seventh saying the Sixth Amendment.

22 QUESTION: It sounds like our court. Yes.

23 (Laughter.)

24 QUESTION: Mr. Morgan, you gave you a litany about what
25 the lawyer's role is. The lawyer's role is to do this and the

1 lawyer's role is to do that. I guess what this case involves
2 is whether -- at least the issue of whether it's a core Sixth
3 Amendment violation -- involves the issue of whether the
4 lawyer's role is to assist the defendant in deciding whether
5 he wants a lawyer.

6 And I don't think it necessary follows that just because
7 the lawyer's role is to defend against all sorts of other
8 things, it is also the lawyer's role to -- necessarily the
9 lawyer's role to assist the defendant in deciding whether he
10 wants to waive his right to a lawyer. One can certainly say
11 that that's an entirely different question from other aspects
12 of a lawyer's role.

13 MR. MORGAN: Well, that is the troubling contradiction
14 that I fumbled badly previously. And the contradiction is, I
15 believe, the defendant who asserts the right implicitly,
16 explicitly evidences his knowing decision that he is incapable
17 to deal with the state.

18 After making that decision, which no one can contest as
19 knowing and intelligent, it's troubling then to have the same
20 defendant, if you will, who has already recognized that he is
21 incapable of dealing with the state, go to the state, deal
22 with the state, or, in this instance, subject himself to the
23 guiding hand of police officers.

24 QUESTION: He later recognizes he was wrong. You're
25 saying he has just given away his free will somehow and can no

1 longer take it back. He can only speak through a lawyer
2 thereafter.

3 I don't know of any other area of the law where we say a
4 person can somehow contract away his right to contract. That
5 can't be contracted away.

6 QUESTION: Mr. Morgan, what about the Faretta context?
7 Do you think the lawyer plays a role in the judge's decision
8 on whether to let the accused represent himself throughout the
9 trial?

10 MR. MORGAN: I -- I think the lawyer plays a role and
11 ultimately the police don't decide waiver. The court decides
12 waiver. And that's our position here -- is, after assertion
13 of the right to counsel there must be an exacting standard if
14 we're going to get into the question of waiver -- comparable.

15 In Faretta the court not only ascertained from the
16 defendant that he knew what he was doing, that he wanted to do
17 that. The court not only ascertained and informed the
18 defendant that there were detriments. The court in Faretta
19 actually -- the trial judge actually went beyond that and said
20 this is a real bad idea.

21 That's the kind of waiver that respondent submits --
22 that's the kind of exacting waiver that respondent submits is
23 the only permissible waiver of right to counsel after the
24 defendant has asserted the right.

25 What the state seeks, frankly, is a license to

1 interrogate the defendant here -- it was six days before
2 trial. There is no restriction in the state's position. So,
3 if it's unsuccessful six days before trial, let them go five
4 days, four days, three days, two days. Let them go to the
5 defendant during the trial itself.

6 There is absolutely no downside for the police. That's
7 why deterrence really has no --

8 QUESTION: But the only upside they're asserting is to
9 prevent the defendant from perjuring himself. That's the only
10 upside that they're asserting. And if you assume this is a
11 prophylactic rule, certainly one of the things in the balance
12 is what's at the other end. Is it the introduction of initial
13 testimony or is it rather simply the state preventing perjury
14 from occurring by impeaching the defendant with his contrary
15 statements?

16 MR. MORGAN: In engaging in the offending interrogation,
17 I would not attribute the motive of preventing perjury to the
18 state, frankly. The state is obviously engaging in something
19 that, number one, generates impeachment material, number two,
20 constitutes a form of discovery that they were not otherwise
21 entitled to, number three, may actually undermine the
22 integrity of the process and inhibit the truth-seeking.

23 For example, if in this context the police had taken
24 Respondent Harvey's statement six days before trial, in
25 violation of his right to counsel, and shared it with the

1 complainant and the complainant then used it consciously or
2 unconsciously to -- to prepare herself for testimony, to
3 perhaps consciously or unconsciously to shape her testimony,
4 to steel herself for cross-examination, then this offending
5 interrogation has actually undermined respondent's right of
6 confrontation.

7 QUESTION: We'd have a different question before us. The
8 only question we have before us here is whether it can be used
9 to counteract what appears to be perjury at the trial.

10 MR. MORGAN: Well, in this record it does not appear to
11 be perjury. It barely appears to be inconsistent. But
12 respondent's position in essence is that just as we do not
13 permit a compelled involuntary statement, as in Portash, to be
14 used for impeachment, we should not permit, in the name of
15 truth-seeking, a statement taken in clear violation of the
16 right to counsel. That we do not simply engage in that kind
17 of balancing, truth-seeking versus deterrence.

18 QUESTION: Part of the reason for the Fifth Amendment
19 rule in cases like Portash has been a feeling on the part of
20 the court, hasn't it, that compelled testimony has an element
21 of unreliability to it?

22 MR. MORGAN: I -- I don't know if it was ever suggested,
23 frankly, in Portash, who was compelled by virtue of an order
24 to testify before a grand jury under oath.

25 QUESTION: So, you would distinguish that from cases

1 where there is a suspicion of coercion, of a physical
2 coercion?

3 MR. MORGAN: They are obviously distinguishable. But
4 both -- both come within the rule that use -- the government
5 or the state cannot use that product to impeach the defendant
6 because it would violate the Fifth Amendment right itself.

7 QUESTION: But hasn't -- in the coerced confession cases
8 part of the reasoning there has been that the coerced
9 confession is deemed presumptively unreliable?

10 MR. MORGAN: That's correct.

11 QUESTION: And certainly that wouldn't be true in this
12 case. The circumstances attending the defendant's statement
13 here would not lead to any presumption of unreliability.

14 MR. MORGAN: I don't know if it would lead to a
15 presumption of unreliability, but the record in this case
16 implicates or raises a concern for unreliability.

17 For example, the three areas of impeachment. One of the
18 areas was, you didn't tell the police the name of this person
19 whose name in essence is now uttered in your testimony. "Yes,
20 I did tell them," respondent testifies. "Yes, I told them."
21 Not an answer that is patently perjurious. Not an answer that
22 is even contradicted in any fashion because the prosecutor
23 never completes the impeachment process.

24 The prosecutor, instead, in this truth-seeking venture --
25 adventure, as the state uses the term -- insinuates, well, if

1 it's not in there, that's the police that must have left it
2 out.

3 QUESTION: Well, but the Michigan Court of Appeals
4 treated this as impeachment, didn't it?

5 MR. MORGAN: They did treat it as an impeachment.

6 QUESTION: I mean, they didn't say it's not proper
7 impeachment under our law. They say under the Federal
8 Constitution you can't use it.

9 MR. MORGAN: But my point is, the presence of counsel at
10 that interrogation might have ensured that when respondent
11 told the officer the name, it got into the statement. And
12 that involves, I think, the area of reliability, certainly.

13 There really is no downside for the state -- or, in this
14 instance, the police -- and the state concedes, certainly,
15 that the police in this instance are acting as agents of the
16 prosecutor. There is no downside whatsoever to keep -- to
17 keep coming back at the defendant. And, of course, those
18 defendants that are already in the custody of the state -- the
19 state that confines them, that fees them, and so forth -- are
20 probably the most vulnerable.

21 And under the rule that the state seeks here, they seek a
22 license to engage in that process not only repeatedly, not
23 only as often as they like, but during the very trial process
24 itself.

25 QUESTION: Of course, you say it's a constitutional

1 violation even if the police are not trying to prompt this --
2 this statement by the defendant. It's your position, as I
3 understand it, that even if he's there at the cell door
4 banging with his cup on the bars saying, I want to confess, I
5 want to confess, the police say, I'm sorry, your lawyer's not
6 here, we can't reach him, you'll have to wait until tomorrow.

7 MR. MORGAN: That's my position.

8 QUESTION: That's your position?

9 MR. MORGAN: And if the respondent says, --

10 QUESTION: Yeah.

11 MR. MORGAN: -- I want to confess, he can go to confess
12 in open court where there is an exacting standard concerning
13 that waiver, an exacting standard concerning all of the
14 rights. And that's in compliance with rule of --

15 QUESTION: His will by the Sixth Amendment has just maybe
16 been taken over and given to the lawyer. He says, I've talked
17 to my minister; I've decided the decent thing to do is to
18 confess. I'm sorry, your lawyer has your will now, you can't
19 do this.

20 MR. MORGAN: Well, if that's his will, his will will
21 overbear the lawyer certainly. Where is the harm? Why is it
22 wrong that the state says, no, you've already told us that you
23 can't deal with us, you've already told us that you're
24 incapable of dealing with us.

25 QUESTION: (Inaudible.)

1 MR. MORGAN: Absolutely. But you have an attorney and
2 we're going to provide your attorney notice. And since you
3 have a will and it's independent, your will can overbear that
4 of the attorney, just as Faretta will won out and he was
5 permitted to permitted to represent himself.

6 QUESTION: Counsel, in Michigan I take it the rule is
7 that it's unethical for defense counsel to knowingly introduce
8 a line of perjured testimony?

9 MR. MORGAN: That's correct.

10 QUESTION: But what would happen if the police, after the
11 appointment of counsel, took a statement and gave it to the
12 counsel and it was quite clear from the statement, because it
13 linked up with other evidence, that the client's original
14 story he told to the police was perjured testimony?

15 What would the client's -- what would the attorney's
16 obligation be in that regard?

17 MR. MORGAN: I think then we've implicated the court's
18 ruling in Nicks v. Whiteside.

19 QUESTION: In other words, you would -- the defense
20 counsel would have the obligation to take into consideration
21 the statement?

22 MR. MORGAN: If it is clear, certainly, that the client
23 intends to perjure himself?

24 QUESTION: Yes.

25 MR. MORGAN: I believe so.

1 QUESTION: Well, then why can't the court take it into
2 account?

3 MR. MORGAN: Because -- well, on this record, of course,
4 we don't have --

5 QUESTION: Well, I'm -- I'm assuming the more difficult
6 case.

7 MR. MORGAN: You're assuming the most difficult case, and
8 that is in an absolutely clear, beyond contradiction --

9 QUESTION: Yes.

10 MR. MORGAN: -- confession.

11 QUESTION: Well, isn't the answer to that that if
12 everybody plays according to the rules and they show the
13 statement to the lawyer, the lawyer will not put on the false
14 testimony?

15 MR. MORGAN: I believe so.

16 QUESTION: So that if they carried out your suggestion,
17 the problem would be easily solved?

18 MR. MORGAN: Absolutely. In fact --

19 QUESTION: Instead of waiting in the bushes and letting
20 him put it in and get caught in the trap, their duty is to
21 show it to the lawyer who then has the duty not to introduce
22 the false testimony.

23 QUESTION: But it's paradoxical, is it not, that the
24 defense counsel has almost a higher obligation than that of
25 the court? The court can blindfold itself to knowingly

1 perjured testimony even though the defense attorney cannot.

2 MR. MORGAN: The confession, or statement, in your
3 hypothet certainly may be no different than the involuntary
4 compelled testimony of Portash. But in order to preserve the
5 right itself, we do not engage in that kind of balancing.

6 In order to prevent a violation of the Sixth Amendment
7 itself, we don't engage in that kind of balancing. The
8 truth-seeking function versus deterrence.

9 In essence -- in sum -- it is respondent's position that
10 there is no question in this case that his right to counsel
11 was violated, that analogies or comparisons to the judicially
12 crafted Fourth Amendment exclusionary rule, or the judicially
13 crafted prophylactic rules of Miranda, and the other outer
14 layer of Edwards simply are inappropriate where there is a
15 core violation of the amendment itself.

16 And the state throughout its brief excises reference to
17 the sword, which I think the court referenced the shield --

18 CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
19 Morgan. Your time has expired.

20 MR. MORGAN: Yes, sir.

21 CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST: Mr. Baughman, you have one
22 minute remaining.

23 REBUTTAL ARGUMENT OF TIMOTHY A. BAUGHMAN

24 ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER

25 MR. BAUGHMAN: Just a quick factual point. We do not

1 concede in this case that after the colloquy between the
2 attorney and the police officer improper Miranda warnings were
3 given.

4 What we concede is -- because we conceded there -- that
5 that cannot be viewed as defendant-initiated interrogation.
6 What happened after in terms of any waiver or warnings just
7 hasn't been litigated in this case, and I think that's the
8 only question I think that's before this court factually.

9 Thank you.

10 CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST: Thank you, Mr. Baughman.

11 The case is submitted.

12 (Whereupon, at 11:01 a.m., the case in the above-entitled
13 matter was submitted.)

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