# CAPTION: State v. Hayes

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KEY WORDS: Constitutional Law/Criminal – Search and Seizure – Motion to Suppress – Private Search – Warrantless Search

SUMMARY:

The trial court erred by granting defendant’s motion to suppress where drugs were discovered by hospital staff in defendant’s backpack during a routine inventory, hospital staff gave defendant’s belongings to police, and the subsequent, warrantless police search did not exceed the scope of the private, nongovernmental search by hospital staff.

JUDGMENT: Reversed and Cause Remanded

JUDGES: Opinion by Crouse, J.; Zayas, P.J., and Kinsley, J., concur.