

Court to Review Wiretap Appeals

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Washington, Dec. 14 - In another action today, the Supreme Court overturned two obscenity convictions, but Justice Byron R. White opposed the decisions in a way that indicated he may have switched to a new conservative position that could become the majority view of the full nine-member Court.

Since 1967, the Court has routinely been reversing obscenity convictions without granting hearings or giving reasons, other than to cite the case of *Redrup v. New York*, which Justice White joined. The ruling in that case suggested that obscenity convictions should be overturned unless the material had been sold to juveniles, or thrust upon unwilling adults.