

## New Jersey Case Law

◆ *State v. Diloreto*, 180 N.J. 264, 850 A.2d 1226 (2004): Police officers conducted a warrantless search in their community caretaker capacity where, relying on information supplied by the National Crime Information Center, they believed that defendant was an “endangered” missing person when they discovered him asleep in a parked car. While police patted down his outer clothing, they discovered a loaded ammunition clip in his pocket, which ultimately led to the retrieval of a handgun from his car.

◆ *State v. Frankel*, 341 N.J. Super. 594, 775 A.2d 665 (2001): Emergency aid doctrine and community caretaking function justified warrantless search, where officers responded to a 911 call with no one on the line, knocked on defendant’s door, and were greeted by defendant in a suspicious manner. Officer was justified in entering to look for a possible 911 caller, as he reasonably believed that a person requiring emergency aid was inside the house because defendant peered around a sheet that shielded the inside of the house from any view from the outside and acted very nervous.

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