Responsibility Meter Report

Supreme Court revives Olivier suit over demonstration restrictions

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Event harm: 50.2 · Confidence: 83.3

Summary

The Supreme Court revived Gabriel Olivier's lawsuit challenging a Brandon, Mississippi ordinance that restricted where he could demonstrate near a public amphitheater. The ruling reopened a civil-rights case centered on whether plaintiffs can seek prospective relief against an allegedly unconstitutional ordinance even after a prior conviction.

Top actors

1. City of Brandon protest ordinance leadership | culpability 29.0 | confidence 83.0
2. Supreme Court majority | culpability 23.8 | confidence 96.0
3. Brandon police enforcement leadership | culpability 22.3 | confidence 71.0

Formulas

eventHarm = (20*severity + 12*scale + 15*irreversibility + 12*targetVulnerability + 15*rightsInvasion + 16*intentionality + 10*duration) / 5

actorResponsibility = (15*authorship + 18*decisionPower + 10*interpretivePower + 12*executionControl + 10*knowledge + 8*foreseeability + 8*discretion + 6*benefit + 8*concealment + 5*repeatSystemRole) / 5

confidence = (25*sourceQuality + 20*evidenceCompleteness + 20*roleCertainty + 20*attributionCertainty + 15*recencyStability) / 5

culpability = actorResponsibility * eventHarm / 100

Sources

• Supreme Court of the United States: Supreme Court docket and argument materials for Olivier v. City of Brandon
• Associated Press: AP report on the Supreme Court reviving Olivier's suit