CHAPTER 12 ACTIVITY Application

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Directions: Review the section on arrests in the Student Edition on pages 134–139. Then read the case study below, and answer the questions that follow.

Thuy is 20 years old and does not speak much English. He is a gang member and is driving a new car that he bought with drug money. Thuy is wearing all black clothing.

Two police officers in a police car stop Thuy because they think that he might be a gang member who sells drugs. They think this because he is a young Asian male, he is driving a new car, and he is wearing all black.

The police order Thuy out of the car and command him to put his hands on top of the car. One police officer pats down Thuy's clothing to feel for a weapon and finds a gun tucked in the waistband of Thuy's pants.

The other officer looks in the car and under the seats for drugs and weapons. The officer finds a small package of crack cocaine under the seat. The officers tell Thuy to open the trunk of the car so they can see if there are more drugs in the car. Thuy opens the trunk, and the officer finds more crack cocaine.

The police tell Thuy that he is under arrest and take him to jail.

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CHAPTER 12 ACTIVITY Analyzing

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Directions: Read the case study below, and then answer the question that follows.

Rodney wrecked his motorcycle and was injured. When the paramedic arrived, he found Rodney unconscious and lying facedown on the street. To see how badly Rodney was hurt, the paramedic cut away his clothes and rolled him onto his back. A pouch containing \$11,000 was found strapped to Rodney's waist. In accordance with his training, the paramedic searched Rodney's clothing for valuables, to protect himself from later accusations that he may have stolen something from the injured man.

In Rodney's pants pockets the paramedic found a knife, a notebook, and a small plastic container, later discovered to contain heroin. The paramedic turned over the money and drugs to the police officer at the scene.

Vere Rodney's Fourth Amendment rights violated? Give reasons for your answer.		
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