

## What the Melendez Dias Confrontation Clause Means

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That the court had reached a decision that a Defendant facing evidence against him or her has to be able to cross-examine a person and not just a piece of paper. What has to happen is that the people that did the drug testing to confirm that the drugs were actually found to be drugs need to come in and be cross-examined rather than just relying on a certificate.

This is a very big deal because it gives Defendants the opportunity to ask questions and to find issues with how the testing was done and so forth; rather than just getting a certificate.

It can make a huge difference in a trial.