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Supreme Court approves

Perjury decision upheld

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, on a 6-3 vote, Monday ruled police officers who lie on the witness stand may not be sued for damages under federal civil rights law by people convicted on the basis of the perjury.

Voting on many issues, the justices, upholding a lower court in an Indiana case, said a convicted state defendant may not use a Reconstruction-era law to sue police officers for money damages for alleged perjury at the defendant's trial.

Writing for the majority, Justice John Paul Stevens conceded that a police officer on the witness stand, performs the same

functions as any other witness. But, he said, "subjecting government officials, such as police officers, to damages liability under the civil rights law for their testimony might undermine not only their contribution to the judicial process but also the effectiveness of their other public duties."

While Stevens said, "Some defendants might indeed be unjustly convicted on the basis of

knowingly false testimony by police officers," he concluded that danger is outweighed by the broader public interest of a flood of lawsuits by disgruntled criminals.

Justices Thurgood Marshall, William Brennan and Harry Blackmun dissented.

In other actions, the justices: — Upheld, in a 7-2 vote, an environmental ruling giving the federal government power to

acquire huge tracts of wildlife refugees within a state governor's jurisdiction.

— Voting 9-0, expelled government to the three suits over building defects looked by federal inspectors government-financed.

— Agreed to decide a possession case whether need a search warrant for subjecting a suspected drug dealer to an on-the-spot al test.

— Turned down, for the fourth time, a case challenging the legal confusion of what point insurance companies are liable for claims against asbestos companies.

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Smoking addicts feds say

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Smoking is not just a habit, the most widespread drug dependence in America, according to a government smoking pamphlet.

The pamphlet says that 500,000 Americans use 10 million are problem and marijuana is the most used illegal drug — but 10 million Americans smoke. Public Health Service issued Sunday — "Why Smoke Cigarettes" — a detailed description of smoking's effects.

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