

Queering the Lone Star State
Episode 9 Guiding Questions

What constitutional justifications did Justice Anthony Kennedy rely on to invalidate the Texas homosexual conduct law in *Lawrence v. Texas*?

What were John Lawrence and Tyron Garner like? Why were they often referred to as “imperfect plaintiffs?”

Why did police show up at John Lawrence’s apartment on the night of the arrests?

In what ways did police officers disagree about what they witnessed in John Lawrence’s apartment on the night of the arrests? How did the police version of events clash with what John Lawrence remembers happening that night? Why are these disagreements important?

Why does Dale Carpenter conclude that the police were lying about what they saw in John Lawrence’s apartment on the night of the arrests? If the police were lying, what does this reveal about the state homosexual conduct law?

How did the arrests of John Lawrence and Tyron Garner come to the attention of gay activists in Houston?

In *Bowers v. Hardwick*, what were the arguments for and against the Georgia sodomy law? How did the US Supreme Court rule in the case? What effects did *Bowers v. Hardwick* have on *Lawrence v. Texas*?