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On June 30, 2026, the Supreme Court of the United States granted certiorari in four cases:

Viramontes v. Cook County, IL, No. 25-238; Grant v. Higgins, No. 25-566: These consolidated cases involve challenges to a Cook County, Illinois ordinance and Connecticut state law criminalizing the sale, transfer, or possession of “assault weapons.” The question presented in the consolidated cases is: Whether the Second and Fourteenth Amendments guarantee the right to possess AR-15 platform and similar semiautomatic rifles.

Grand v. University Heights, OH, No. 25-965: This case arises from a religious discrimination lawsuit against city officials who told petitioner he needed a permit to host a prayer group in his home. The question presented is: Whether the First Amendment’s established chilling-effect doctrine, under which a credible government threat that deters the exercise of fundamental rights constitutes a complete and independently actionable constitutional injury, is displaced by the land-use finality requirement in *Williamson Cty. Planning v. Hamilton Bank*, 473 U.S. 172 (1985), when a plaintiff alleges that government threats both before and after a Planning Commission meeting chilled religious exercise, worship, and assembly.

Apple Inc. v. Epic Games, Inc., No. 25-1311: This case involves Apple’s challenge to a contempt order issued against it by a federal district court based on a finding that Apple violated an earlier ruling barring it from preventing app developers from steering users to outside payment options. The question presented is: Whether a court may hold a party in civil contempt based on a violation of an injunction’s “spirit” where the injunction is silent as to the conduct upon which contempt is based, as the Ninth Circuit holds; or, instead, whether a court must ground a finding of civil contempt on the violation of an order that clearly and unambiguously proscribes the precise conduct at issue, as other circuits hold.

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