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person observing a police officer's uniform, badge, holstered gun, and command of individuals . . . in the [hospital or] emergency room could conclude that the officer has some measure of authority over medical personnel. Any doubt in such a matter must cut in favor of the defendant, who depends on undelayed, uninterrupted, and unrestricted medical care to treat pain, prevent complication, and save life." K. Berger, Note, "In Whose Custody? *Miranda*, Emergency Medical Care & Criminal Defendants," 11 U.C. Irvine L. Rev. 1197, 1208 (2021). In the present case, however, there is nothing in the record to suggest that a reasonable person in the defendant's situation would have perceived the police officers to be exercising any control or authority over the medical staff. Indeed, the record demonstrates that the officers did not assert control over the medical staff and that the questioning did not delay, interrupt, or restrict the defendant's medical care.

In sum, after evaluating the totality of the circumstances with respect to each interaction that the defendant had with the police officers in his hospital room during which he made the challenged statements, we conclude that a reasonable person in the defendant's position would not have felt that there was a restraint on his freedom of movement of the degree associated with a formal arrest. The defendant was, therefore, not in custody, and the police officers were not required to administer *Miranda* warnings. Accordingly, we conclude that the Appellate Court incorrectly determined that the defendant was in custody for purposes of *Miranda*, thus requiring it to reverse the trial court's denial of the defendant's motion to suppress.

The judgment of the Appellate Court is reversed and the case is remanded to that court with direction to consider the defendant's remaining claims.

In this opinion D'AURIA, MULLINS, ALEXANDER and DANNEHY, Js., concurred.

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