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### **The ongoing fight to give Crawford a full set of teeth.**

Bill of Rights. (From the public domain.) Crawford v. Washington, 541 U.S. 36 (2004), bars testimonial evidence from slipping through the hearsay rule. However, some courts do not deem government crime lab reports to be testimonial evidence. On January 29, 2007, I addressed this issue in the context of Thomas v. United States, 914 A.2d 1 (D.C. 2006). On October 26, 2007, Luis Melendez-Diaz filed a petition for writ of certiorari, seeking for the United States Supreme Court to resolve this issue. Stay tuned. Jon Katz. ADDENDUM: Thanks to SCOTUS Blog for covering this story.

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