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LEOCAL v. ASHCROFT, ATTORNEY GENERAL, et al.

certiorari to the united states court of appeals for the eleventh circuit

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Petitioner, a lawful permanent resident of the United States, pleaded guilty to two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) and causing serious bodily

injury in an accident, in violation of Florida law. While he was serving his prison sentence, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) initiated removal proceedings pursuant to 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which permits deportation of an alien convicted of an aggravated felony. INA 101(a)(43)(F) defines aggravated felony to include, *inter alia*, a crime of violence [as defined in 18 U. S. C. 16] for which the term of imprisonment [is] at least one year. Title 18 U. S. C. 16(a), in turn, defines crime of violence as an offense that has as an element the use of physical force against the person or property of another, and 16(b) defines it as any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense. An Immigration Judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) ordered petitioners deportation, and the Eleventh Circuit dismissed his petition for review, relying on its precedent that a conviction under Floridas DUI statute is a crime of violence under 18 U. S. C. 16.

Held: State DUI offenses such as Floridas, which either do not have a *mens rea* component or require only a showing of negligence in the operation of a vehicle, are not crimes of violence under 18 U. S. C. 16. Pp. 4-11.

(a) Section 16 requires this Court to look to the elements and nature of the offense of conviction in determining whether petitioners conviction falls within its ambit. Floridas DUI statute, like similar statutes in many States, requires proof of causation but not of any mental state; and some other States appear to require only proof that a person acted negligently in operating the vehicle. This Courts analysis begins with 16s language. See *Bailey v. United States*, [516 U. S. 137](#) , 144. Particularly when interpreting a statute featuring as elastic a word as use, the Court construes language in its context and in light of the terms surrounding it. See *Smith v. United States*, [508 U. S. 223](#) , 229. Section 16(a)s critical aspect is that a crime of violence involves the use of physical force against anothers person or property. That requires active employment. See *Bailey, supra*, at 145. While one may, in theory, actively employ *something* in an accidental manner, it is much less natural to say that a person actively employs physical force against another by accident. When interpreting a statute, words must be given their

ordinary or natural meaning, *Smith, supra*, at 228, and 16(a)'s key phrase most naturally suggests a higher degree of intent than negligent or merely accidental conduct. Petitioner's DUI offense therefore is not a crime of violence under 16(a). Pp. 4-8.

(b) Nor is it a crime of violence under 16(b), which sweeps more broadly than 16(a), but does not thereby encompass all negligent conduct, such as negligent operation of a vehicle. It simply covers offenses that naturally involve a person acting in disregard of the risk that physical force might be used against another in committing an offense. The classic example is burglary, which, by nature, involves a substantial risk that the burglar will use force against a victim in completing the crime. Thus, 16(b) contains the same formulation found to be determinative in 16(a): the use of physical force against another's person or property. Accordingly, 16(b)'s language must be given an identical construction, requiring a higher *mens rea* than the merely accidental or negligent conduct involved in a DUI offense. Pp. 8-9.

(c) The ordinary meaning of the term crime of violence, which is what this Court is ultimately determining, combined with 16's emphasis on the use of physical force against another (or the risk of having to use such force in committing a crime), suggests a category of violent, active crimes that cannot be said naturally to include DUI offenses. This construction is reinforced by INA 101(h), which includes as alternative definitions of serious criminal offense a crime of violence, as defined in [16], 101(h)(2), and a DUI-causing-injury offense, 101(h)(3). Interpreting 16 to include DUI offenses would leave 101(h)(3) practically void of significance, in contravention of the rule that effect should be given to every word of a statute whenever possible, see *Duncan v. Walker*, 533 U. S. 167 , 174. Pp. 9-11.

(d) This case does not present the question whether an offense requiring proof of the *reckless* use of force against another's person or property qualifies as a crime of violence under 16. P. 11.

Reversed and remanded.

Rehnquist, C. J., delivered the opinion for a unanimous Court.

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OPINION OF THE COURT

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Chief Justice Rehnquist delivered the opinion of the Court.

Petitioner Josue Leocal, a Haitian citizen who is a lawful permanent resident of the United States, was convicted in 2000 of driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) and causing serious bodily injury, in violation of Florida law. See Fla. Stat. 316.193(3)(c)(2) (2003). Classifying this conviction as a crime of violence under 18 U. S. C. 16, and therefore an aggravated felony under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), an Immigration Judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) ordered that petitioner be deported pursuant to 237(a) of the INA. The Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit agreed, dismissing petitioners petition for review. We disagree and hold that petitioners DUI conviction is not a crime of violence under 18 U. S. C. 16.

Petitioner immigrated to the United States in 1980 and became a lawful permanent resident in 1987. In January 2000, he was charged with two counts of DUI causing serious bodily injury under Fla. Stat. 316.193(3)(c)(2), after he caused an accident resulting in injury to two people. He pleaded guilty to both counts and was sentenced to two and a half years in prison.

In November 2000, while he was serving his sentence, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) initiated removal proceedings against him pursuant to 237(a) of the INA. Under that provision, [a]ny alien who is convicted of an aggravated felony is deportable and may be removed upon an order of the Attorney General. 66 Stat. 201, 8 U. S. C. 1227(a)(2)(A)(iii). Section 101(a)(43) of the INA defines aggravated felony to include, *inter alia*, a crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title 18, but not including a purely political offense) for which the term of imprisonment [is] at least one year.[[Footnote 1](#)] 8 U. S. C. 1101(a)(43)(F) (footnote omitted). Title 18 U. S. C. 16, in turn, defines the term crime of violence to mean:

(a) an offense that has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or

(b) any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense.

Here, the INS claimed that petitioners DUI conviction was a crime of violence under 16, and therefore an aggravated felony under the INA.

In October 2001, an Immigration Judge found petitioner removable, relying upon the Eleventh Circuits decision in *Le v. United States Attorney General*, 196 F. 3d 1352 (1999) (*per curiam*), which held that a conviction under the Florida DUI statute qualified as a crime of violence. The BIA affirmed.[[Footnote 2](#)] Petitioner completed his sentence and was removed to Haiti in November 2002. In June 2003, the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit dismissed petitioners petition for review, relying on its previous ruling in *Le*, *supra*. [[Footnote 3](#)] App. to Pet. for Cert. 5a-7a. We granted certiorari, 540 U. S. 1176 (2004), to resolve a conflict among the Courts of Appeals on the question whether state DUI offenses similar to the one in Florida, which either do not have a *mens rea* component or require only a showing of negligence in the operation of a vehicle, qualify as a crime of violence. Compare *Le*, *supra*, at 1354; and *Omar v. INS*, 298 F. 3d 710, 715-718 (CA8 2002), with *United States v. Trinidad-Aquino*, 259 F. 3d

1140, 1145-1146 (CA9 2001); *Dalton v. Ashcroft* , 257 F. 3d 200, 205-206 (CA2 2001); *Bazan-Reyes v. INS* , 256 F. 3d 600, 609-611 (CA7 2001); and *United States v. Chapa-Garza* , 243 F. 3d 921, 926-927 (CA5), amended, 262 F. 3d 479 (CA5 2001) (*per curiam*); see also *Ursu v. INS* , 20 Fed. Appx. 702 (CA9 2001) (following *Trinidad-Aquino* , *supra* , and ruling that a violation of the Florida DUI statute at issue here and in *Le* does not count as a crime of violence). We now reverse the Eleventh Circuit.

Title 18 U. S. C. 16 was enacted as part of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, which broadly reformed the federal criminal code in such areas as sentencing, bail, and drug enforcement, and which added a variety of new violent and nonviolent offenses. 1001(a), 98 Stat. 2136. Congress employed the term crime of violence in numerous places in the Act, such as for defining the elements of particular offenses, see, *e.g.* , 18 U. S. C. 1959 (prohibiting threats to commit crimes of violence in aid of racketeering activity), or for directing when a hearing is required before a charged individual can be released on bail, see 3142(f) (requiring a pretrial detention hearing for those alleged to have committed a crime of violence). Congress therefore provided in 16 a general definition of the term crime of violence to be used throughout the Act. See 1001(a), 98 Stat. 2136. Section 16 has since been incorporated into a variety of statutory provisions, both criminal and noncriminal.[[Footnote 4](#)]

Here, pursuant to 237(a) of the INA, the Court of Appeals applied 16 to find that petitioners DUI conviction rendered him deportable. In determining whether petitioners conviction falls within the ambit of 16, the statute directs our focus to the offense of conviction. See 16(a) (defining a crime of violence as *an offense* that has *as an element* the use . . . of physical force against the person or property of another (emphasis added)); 16(b) (defining the term as *any other offense* that is a felony and that, *by its nature* , involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense (emphasis added)). This language requires us to look to the elements and the nature of the offense of conviction, rather than to the

particular facts relating to petitioners crime.

Florida Stat. 316.193(3)(c)(2) makes it a third-degree felony for a person to operate a vehicle while under the influence and, by reason of such operation, caus[e] [s]erious bodily injury to another. The Florida statute, while it requires proof of causation of injury, does not require proof of any particular mental state. See *State v. Hubbard* , 751 So. 2d 552, 562-564 (Fla. 1999) (holding, in the context of a DUI manslaughter conviction under 316.193, that the statute does not contain a *mens rea* requirement). Many States have enacted similar statutes, criminalizing DUI causing serious bodily injury or death without requiring proof of any mental state,[[Footnote 5](#)] or, in some States, appearing to require only proof that the person acted negligently in operating the vehicle.[[Footnote 6](#)] The question here is whether 16 can be interpreted to include such offenses.

Our analysis begins with the language of the statute. See *Bailey v. United States*, [516 U. S. 137](#) , 144 (1995). The plain text of 16(a) states that an offense, to qualify as a crime of violence, must have as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another. We do not deal here with an *attempted* or *threatened* use of force. Petitioner contends that his conviction did not require the use of force against another person because the most common employment of the word use connotes the *intentional* avilment of force, which is not required under the Florida DUI statute. The Government counters that the use of force does not incorporate any *mens rea* component, and that petitioners DUI conviction necessarily includes the use of force. To support its position, the Government dissects the meaning of the word use, employing dictionaries, legislation, and our own case law in contending that a use of force may be negligent or even inadvertent.

Whether or not the word use alone supplies a *mens rea* element, the parties primary focus on that word is too narrow. Particularly when interpreting a statute that features as elastic a word as use, we construe language in its context and in light of the terms surrounding it. See *Smith v. United States*, [508 U. S. 223](#) , 229 (1993); *Bailey, supra* , at 143. The critical aspect of 16(a) is that a crime of violence is one involving the use of physical force *against the person or property*

of another . (Emphasis added.) As we said in a similar context in *Bailey* , use requires active employment. 516 U. S., at 145. While one may, in theory, actively employ *something* in an accidental manner, it is much less natural to say that a person actively employs physical force against another person by accident. Thus, a person would use . . . physical force against another when pushing him; however, we would not ordinarily say a person use[s] . . . physical force against another by stumbling and falling into him. When interpreting a statute, we must give words their ordinary or natural meaning. *Smith* , *supra* , at 228. The key phrase in 16(a)-the use . . . of physical force against the person or property of another-most naturally suggests a higher degree of intent than negligent or merely accidental conduct. See *United States v. Trinidad-Aquino* , 259 F. 3d, at 1145; *Bazan-Reyes v. INS* , 256 F. 3d, at 609. Petitioners DUI offense therefore is not a crime of violence under 16(a).

Neither is petitioners DUI conviction a crime of violence under 16(b). Section 16(b) sweeps more broadly than 16(a), defining a crime of violence as including any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense. But 16(b) does not thereby encompass all negligent misconduct, such as the negligent operation of a vehicle. It simply covers offenses that naturally involve a person acting in disregard of the risk that physical force might be used against another in committing an offense. The reckless disregard in 16 relates *not* to the general conduct or to the possibility that harm will result from a persons conduct, but to the risk that the use of physical force against another might be required in committing a crime.[[Footnote 7](#)] The classic example is burglary. A burglary would be covered under 16(b) *not* because the offense can be committed in a generally reckless way or because someone may be injured, but because burglary, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that the burglar will use force against a victim in completing the crime.

Thus, while 16(b) is broader than 16(a) in the sense that physical force need not actually be applied, it contains the same formulation we found to be determinative in 16(a): the use of physical force against the person or property of another.

Accordingly, we must give the language in 16(b) an identical construction, requiring a higher *mens rea* than the merely accidental or negligent conduct involved in a DUI offense. This is particularly true in light of 16(b)'s requirement that the substantial risk be a risk of using physical force against another person in the course of committing the offense. In no ordinary or natural sense can it be said that a person risks having to use physical force against another person in the course of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and causing injury.

In construing both parts of 16, we cannot forget that we ultimately are determining the meaning of the term crime of violence. The ordinary meaning of this term, combined with 16's emphasis on the use of physical force against another person (or the risk of having to use such force in committing a crime), suggests a category of violent, active crimes that cannot be said naturally to include DUI offenses. Cf. *United States v. Doe*, 960 F. 2d 221, 225 (CA1 1992) (Breyer, C. J.) (observing that the term violent felony in 18 U. S. C. 924(e) (2000 ed. and Supp. II) calls to mind a tradition of crimes that involve the possibility of more closely related, active violence). Interpreting 16 to encompass accidental or negligent conduct would blur the distinction between the violent crimes Congress sought to distinguish for heightened punishment and other crimes. See *United States v. Lucio-Lucio*, 347 F. 3d 1202, 1205-1206 (CA10 2003).

Section 16 therefore cannot be read to include petitioners conviction for DUI causing serious bodily injury under Florida law.[[Footnote 8](#)] This construction is reinforced by Congress use of the term crime of violence in 101(h) of the INA, which was enacted in 1990. See Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991, 131, 104 Stat. 31 (hereinafter FRAA). Section 212(a)(2)(E) of the INA renders inadmissible any alien who has previously exercised diplomatic immunity from criminal jurisdiction in the United States after committing a serious criminal offense. 8 U. S. C. 1182(a)(2)(E). Section 101(h) defines the term serious criminal offense to mean:

(1) any felony;

(2) any crime of violence, as defined in section 16 of title 18; or

(3) any crime of reckless driving or of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or of prohibited substances if such crime involves personal injury to another. 8 U. S. C. 1101(h) (emphasis added).

Congress separate listing of the DUI-causing-injury offense from the definition of crime of violence in 16 is revealing. Interpreting 16 to include DUI offenses, as the Government urges, would leave 101(h)(3) practically devoid of significance. As we must give effect to every word of a statute wherever possible, see *Duncan v. Walker*, 533 U. S. 167 , 174 (2001), the distinct provision for these offenses under 101(h) bolsters our conclusion that 16 does not itself encompass DUI offenses.[
[Footnote 9](#)]

This case does not present us with the question whether a state or federal offense that requires proof of the *reckless* use of force against a person or property of another qualifies as a crime of violence under 18 U. S. C. 16. DUI statutes such as Floridas do not require any mental state with respect to the use of force against another person, thus reaching individuals who were negligent or less. Drunk driving is a nationwide problem, as evidenced by the efforts of legislatures to prohibit such conduct and impose appropriate penalties. But this fact does not warrant our shoehorning it into statutory sections where it does not fit. The judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit is therefore reversed, and the case is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

It is so ordered.

[Footnote 1](#)

Congress first made commission of an aggravated felony grounds for an aliens removal in 1988, and it defined the term to include offenses such as murder, drug trafficking crimes, and firearm trafficking offenses. See Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 7342, 7344, 102 Stat. 4469, 4470. Since then, Congress has frequently amended the definition of aggravated felony, broadening the scope of offenses which render an alien deportable. See, *e.g.* , Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, 440(e), 110 Stat. 1277 (adding a number of offenses to

101(a)(43) of the INA); Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), 321, 110 Stat. 3009-627 (same). The inclusion of any crime of violence as an aggravated felony came in 1990. See Immigration Act of 1990, 501, 104 Stat. 4978, 5048.

[Footnote 2](#)

When petitioner first appealed, the BIAs position was that a violation of DUI statutes similar to Floridas counted as a crime of violence under 18 U. S. C. 16. See, e.g. , *Matter of Puente-Salazar* , 22 I. & N. Dec. 1006, 1012-1013 (BIA 1999) (en banc). Before petitioner received a decision from his appeal (due to a clerical error not relevant here), the BIA in another case reversed its position from *Puente-Salazar* and held that DUI offenses that do not have a *mens rea* of at least recklessness are not crimes of violence within the meaning of 16. See *Matter of Ramos* , 23 I. & N. Dec. 336, 346 (BIA 2002) (en banc). However, because the BIA held in *Ramos* that it would follow the law of the circuit in those circuits that have addressed the question whether driving under the influence is a crime of violence, *id.*, at 346-347, and because it found the Eleventh Circuits ruling in *Le* controlling, it affirmed the Immigration Judges removal order. See App. to Pet. for Cert. 1a-4a.

[Footnote 3](#)

Pursuant to the IIRIRA, the Eleventh Circuit was without jurisdiction to review the BIAs removal order in this case if petitioner was removable by reason of having committed certain criminal offenses, including those covered as an aggravated felony. See 8 U. S. C. 1252(a)(2)(C). Because the Eleventh Circuit held that petitioners conviction was such an offense, it concluded that it had no jurisdiction to consider the removal order.

[Footnote 4](#)

For instance, a number of statutes criminalize conduct that has as an element the commission of a crime of violence under 16. See, e.g. , 18 U. S. C. 842(p) (prohibiting the distribution of information relating to explosives, destructive devices, and weapons of mass destruction in relation to a crime of violence). Other statutory provisions make classification of an offense as a crime of violence

consequential for purposes of, *inter alia*, extradition and restitution. See 3181(b), 3663A(c). And the term crime of violence under 16 has been incorporated into a number of noncriminal enactments. See, e.g. , 8 U. S. C. 1227(a)(2)(A)(iii) (rendering an alien deportable for committing a crime of violence, as petitioner is charged here).

[Footnote 5](#)

See, e.g. , Ala. Code 13A-6-20(a)(5) (West 1994); Colo. Rev. Stat. 18-3-205(1)(b)(I) (Lexis 2003); Conn. Gen. Stat. 53a-60d(a) (2003); Ga. Code Ann. 40-6-394 (Lexis 2004); Idaho Code 18-8006(1) (Lexis 2004); Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann., ch. 625, 5/11-501(d)(1)(C) (West 2002); Ind. Code 9-30-5-4 (1993); Iowa Code 707.6A(4) (2003); Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. 189A.010(1) and (11)(c) (Lexis Supp. 2004); Me. Rev. Stat. Ann., Tit. 29-A, 2411(1-A)(D)(1) (West Supp. 2003); Mich. Comp. Laws 257.625(5) (2001 and Supp. 2004); Neb. Rev. Stat. 60-6,198(1) (2002 Cum. Supp.); N. H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 265:82-a(I)(b) and (II)(b) (West 2004); N. J. Stat. Ann. 2C:12-1(c) (West Supp. 2003); N. M. Stat. Ann. 66-8-101(B) and (C) (2004); N. D. Cent. Code 39-09-01.2(1)(c) (Lexis 1987); Ohio Rev. Code Ann. 2903.08(A)(1)(a) (Lexis 2003); Okla. Stat. Ann., Tit. 47, 11-904(B)(1) (West 2001); 75 Pa. Cons. Stat. 3804(b) (Supp. 2003); R. I. Gen. Laws 31-27-2.6(a) (Lexis 2002); Tex. Penal Code Ann. 49.07(a)(1) (West 2003); Vt. Stat. Ann., Tit. 23, 1210(f) (Lexis Supp. 2004); Wash. Rev. Code 46.61.522(1)(b) (1994); Wis. Stat. 940.25(1) (1999-2000); Wyo. Stat. 31-5-233(h) (Lexis 2003).

[Footnote 6](#)

See, e.g. , Cal. Veh. Code 23153 (West 2000); Del. Code Ann., Tit. 11, 628(2), 629 (Lexis 1995); La. Stat. Ann. 14:39.1(A), 14:39.2(A) (West 1997 and Supp. 2004); Md. Crim. Law Code Ann., 3-211(c) and (d) (Lexis 2004); Miss. Code Ann. 63-11-30(5) (Lexis 2004); Mo. Ann. Stat. 565.060.1(4) (West 2000); Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-205(1) (2003); Nev. Rev. Stat. 484.3795(1) (2003); S. C. Code Ann. 56-5-2945(A)(1) (2003); S. D. Codified Laws 22-16-42 (West Supp. 2003); Utah Code Ann. 41-6-44(3)(a)(ii)(A) and (3)(b) (Lexis Supp. 2004); W. Va. Code 17C-5-2(c) (Lexis 2004).

[Footnote 7](#)

Thus, 16(b) plainly does not encompass all offenses which create a substantial risk that injury will result from a persons conduct. The substantial risk in 16(b) relates to the use of force, not to the possible effect of a persons conduct. Compare 16(b) (requiring a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used), with United States Sentencing Commission, Guidelines Manual 4B1.2(a)(2) (Nov. 2003) (in the context of a career-offender sentencing enhancement, defining crime of violence as meaning, *inter alia*, conduct that presents a serious potential risk of physical injury to another). The risk that an accident may occur when an individual drives while intoxicated is simply not the same thing as the risk that the individual may use physical force against another in committing the DUI offense. See, e.g. , *United States v. Lucio-Lucio* , 347 F. 3d 1202, 1205-1207 (CA10 2003); *Bazan-Reyes , v. INS*, 256 F. 3d 600, 609-610 (CA7 2001).

[Footnote 8](#)

Even if 16 lacked clarity on this point, we would be constrained to interpret any ambiguity in the statute in petitioners favor. Although here we deal with 16 in the deportation context, 16 is a criminal statute, and it has both criminal and noncriminal applications. Because we must interpret the statute consistently, whether we encounter its application in a criminal or noncriminal context, the rule of lenity applies. Cf. *United States v. Thompson/Center Arms Co.*, [504 U. S. 505](#) , 517-518 (1992) (plurality opinion) (applying the rule of lenity to a tax statute, in a civil setting, because the statute had criminal applications and thus had to be interpreted consistently with its criminal applications).

[Footnote 9](#)

This point carries significant weight in the particular context of this case. Congress incorporated 16 as an aggravated felony under 101(a)(43)(F) of the INA in 1990. See Immigration Act of 1990, 501, 104 Stat. 5048 (Nov. 29, 1990). Congress enacted 101(h), with its incorporation of 16 *and* a separate provision covering DUI-causing-injury offenses, just nine months earlier. See FRAA, 131, 104 Stat. 31 (Feb. 16, 1990). That Congress distinguished between a crime of violence and DUI-causing-injury offenses (and included both) in 101(h), but did not do so shortly

thereafter in making only a crime of violence an aggravated felony under 101(a)(43)(F), strongly supports our construction of 16.

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