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### **US v. Silva, No. 14-1764**

Convictions for receipt and possession of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 2252(a)(2) and (4), are affirmed over meritless claims that the statutes under which defendant was charged were unconstitutionally vague, that: 1) the district court should have dismissed one count of the indictment for lack of evidence submitted to the grand jury; 2) the court abused its discretion in barring the testimony of defendant's proposed expert witness and in instructing the jury; and 3) the court wrongly denied his motion for judgment of acquittal under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 29.

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### **Sirva Relocation, LLC v. Richie, No. 14-1934**

In an employment benefits case providing the first opportunity to consider the impact of *Sprint Commc'ns, Inc. v. Jacobs*, 134 S. Ct. 584 (2013) on the abstention doctrine in *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971), the district court's decision to abstain is affirmed where this case does not fall under an exception to the *Younger* doctrine for facially conclusive claims of preemption.