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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - In the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court decision relating to statements made by a child to a pre-school teacher who suspected abuse, the UNC School of Government blog has broken down the case and outlined its takeaways.

Jessica Smith's blog begins:

"On June 18th the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Ohio v. Clark*, 576 U.S. ___, 135 S. Ct. 2173 (2015), holding that a child abuse victim's statements to his preschool teachers were non-testimonial under the Crawford confrontation clause analysis. As the first Crawford case addressing statements by a child victim, Clark is an important decision for child abuse prosecutions. Also, because it's the Court's first case assessing the testimonial nature of statements made to persons other than the police or their agents, it has broader significance for the Crawford analysis."

The entire blog can be found at <http://nccriminallaw.sog.unc.edu/u-s-supreme-court-rules-that-childs-statements-to-teachers-are-non-testimonial/>.