Was this search constitutional?

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People v Towne | State troopers went to a home one night, hoping to arrest the defendant’s son, who lived elsewhere but might have been staying with his parents. The troopers talked to the father (defendant) at the front door, but he refused to allow them inside. While two troopers went to obtain a search warrant, the other two stayed to secure the home. After 45-50 minutes they smelled burning marijuana, which was illegal under state law at the time. The troopers decided to enter forcibly because the situation seemed urgent. Although they did not find the son, they did see a large amount of marijuana. They arrested the defendant, who pleaded guilty, as long as he could challenge the actions of the police on constitutional grounds.

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