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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of February 14, 2022

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The statement of the issue or issues in each case set out below does not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#22-44 *People v. Ellis*, S272417. (C092613; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 05F03831.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

#22-45 *People v. Leggett*, S272692. (D079060; nonpublished opinion; Santa Clara County Superior Court; CC079620.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

#22-46 *People v. Vega*, S272701. (B308245; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA314454.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

#22-47 *People v. Wilson*, S272617. (C092385; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 04F06813.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

The court ordered briefing in *Ellis*, *Leggett*, *Vega*, and *Wilson* deferred pending decision in *People v. Strong*, S266606 (#21-101), which presents the following issue: Does a felony-murder special circumstance finding (Pen. Code, § 190.2, subd. (a)(17)) made before *People v. Banks* (2015) 61 Cal.4th 788 and *People v. Clark* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 522 preclude a defendant from making a prima facie showing of eligibility for relief under Penal Code section 1170.95?

DISPOSITIONS

Review in the following cases, which were granted and held for *People v. Lewis* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 952, was dismissed:

#20-363 <i>People v. Celeya</i>, S265383	(B298988; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA268597)
#21-55 <i>People v. Clemons</i>, S266319	(B300923; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; YA052497)
#21-162 <i>People v. Ephriam</i>, S267597	(B301996; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; SA002348)
#21-240 <i>People v. Lainez</i>, S267980	(B299431; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA432307)
#21-241 <i>People v. Lavergne</i>, S268090	(E074809; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; INF050756)
#20-163 <i>People v. Leighton</i>, S262173	(B297093; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA226413)
#20-230 <i>People v. Smith</i>, S263273	(B298413; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; A974333)
#20-177 <i>People v. Walker</i>, S262505	(A157758; nonpublished opinion; Alameda County Superior Court; 137327)
#21-168 <i>People v. Wilson</i>, S267249	(B300613; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA061488)

The following cases were transferred for reconsideration in light of *People v. Lewis* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 952 and Senate Bill No. 775 (Stats, 2021, ch. 551):

#21-32 <i>People v. Griffin</i>, S266002	(C090893; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; CR115423)
#20-179 <i>People v. Hall</i>, S262434	(B302462; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA289736)
#21-122 <i>People v. Lathan</i>, S266705	(B299515; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA045268)

#21-386 <i>People v. Mata</i>, S269460	(F080013; nonpublished opinion; Stanislaus County Superior Court; 1219225)
#20-285 <i>People v. Perez</i>, S264073	(B298897; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; TA112332)
#20-360 <i>People v. Vasquez</i>, S265056	(B300872; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; GA041420)
#21-413 <i>People v. Xiong</i>, S269722	(F079367; nonpublished opinion; Merced County Superior Court; SUF16461B)
#21-414 <i>People v. Zuniga</i>, S269642	(F078866; nonpublished opinion; Tulare County Superior Court; VCF211993B)

The following cases were transferred for reconsideration in light of Senate Bill No. 775 (Stats, 2021, ch. 551):

#20-169 <i>People v. Allen</i>, S262471	(A158267; nonpublished opinion; Alameda County Superior Court; 171681A)
#20-39 <i>People v. Besenty</i>, S259696	(B257222; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; TA115853)
#20-80 <i>People v. Camacho</i>, S260527	(B292093; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; TA144840)
#20-94 <i>People v. Castaneda</i>, S260302	(C085960; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 16FE006090)
#21-396 <i>People v. Clark</i>, S269555	(E074941; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF151250)
#21-279 <i>People v. Franklin</i>, S268667	(A159387; nonpublished opinion; Contra Costa County Superior Court; 51412816)
#19-197 <i>People v. Gillespie</i>, S258312	(D069389; nonpublished opinion; San Diego County Superior Court; SCD258034)
#21-200 <i>People v. Jordan</i>, S267504	(B295816; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; SA092100)
#20-63 <i>People v. Larios</i>, S259983	(F078759; 42 Cal.App.5th 956; Tulare County Superior Court; VCF211993C)
#20-246 <i>People v. Lewis</i>, S263797	(B298820; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; TA125019)

#21-283 <i>People v. Love</i>, S268438	(G058669; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF122615)
#21-35 <i>People v. Majied</i>, S266075	(E074375; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF1411978)
#19-198 <i>People v. McGhee</i>, S258069	(B263418, B265136; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PA071844)
#20-166 <i>People v. Rainey</i>, S262396	(E072758; nonpublished opinion; San Bernardino County Superior Court; FSB1103711)
#21-391 <i>People v. Rangel</i>, S269500	(B302169; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PA070627)
#20-261 <i>People v. Villa</i>, S263899	(C089392; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 15F01261)

STATUS

In the following case, in which briefing was previously deferred pending decision in *People v. Lopez*, S258175 (#19-172) and *People v. Lewis* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 952, the court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Strong*, S266606 (#21-101):

#20-377 <i>People v. Pardo</i>, S265232	(B303150; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; KA034850)
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