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## Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of February 23, 2026

*[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.]*

**#26-26 *People v. Mares*, S294132.** (B330834; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA109979.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in part and reversed in part an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter and remanded for further proceedings. This case presents the following issue: Did substantial evidence support the trial court's finding in resentencing proceedings under Penal Code section 1172.6 that defendant, who led police on a high-speed chase with an armed passenger, intended to kill the pursuing police officers and was therefore liable for their attempted murders as an aider and abettor?

**#26-27 *People v. Ly*, S294775.** (B340433; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; GA053174.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order granting in part and denying in part a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Eaton*, S289903 (#25-129), which presents the following issue: May a trial court reimpose a previously imposed upper term sentence under Penal Code section 1172.75, subdivision (d)(4) where the facts underlying one or more aggravating circumstances were neither stipulated to by the defendant nor found true beyond a reasonable doubt at trial by the jury or by the judge in a court trial (cf. Pen. Code, § 1170, subd. (b)(2); *id.*, § 1172.75, subd. (d)(2))? and pending decision in *People v. Mitchell*, S277314 (#22-305), which presents the following issue: Does Senate Bill No. 567 (Stats. 2021, ch. 731), which limits a trial court's discretion to impose upper term sentences, apply retroactively to defendants sentenced pursuant to stipulated plea agreements?

**#26-28 *People v. Mendoza*, S294745.** (F088900; nonpublished opinion; Kern County Superior Court; BF138387A.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in

part and reversed in part an order granting in part and denying in part a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter and remanded for further proceedings.

**#26-29 *People v. Redd*, S294721.** (B337829; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; TA132783.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed an order granting in part and denying in part a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter and remanded with directions.

The court ordered briefing in *Mendoza* and *Redd* deferred pending decision in *People v. Eaton*, S289903 (#25-129), which presents the following issue: May a trial court reimpose a previously imposed upper term sentence under Penal Code section 1172.75, subdivision (d)(4) where the facts underlying one or more aggravating circumstances were neither stipulated to by the defendant nor found true beyond a reasonable doubt at trial by the jury or by the judge in a court trial (cf. Pen. Code, § 1170, subd. (b)(2); *id.*, § 1172.75, subd. (d)(2))?

**#26-30 *People v. Quirino*, S294765.** (G063799; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 06CF1643.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter and remanded for resentencing. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Espino*, S286987 (#24-209), which presents the following issue: Is a defendant entitled to resentencing under Penal Code section 1172.75 when the judgment in the defendant's criminal case includes a prior-prison-term enhancement that was imposed but for which punishment was stricken?

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