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## Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of March 25, 2024

*[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.]*

**#24-61 *People v. Ortega*, S283851.** (E080670; nonpublished opinion; San Bernardino County Superior Court; FWV1405023.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

**#24-62 *People v. Rhynes*, S283899.** (F085253; nonpublished opinion; Kern County Superior Court; BF161828A.) 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 *Ortega* and *Rhynes* deferred pending decision in *People v. Patton*, S279670 (#23-129), which presents the following issue: Did the trial court engage in impermissible judicial factfinding by relying on the preliminary hearing transcript to deny defendant's Penal Code section 1172.6 petition at the prima facie stage? (See *People v. Lewis* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 952.)

### DISPOSITIONS

Review in the following cases, which were granted and held for *People v. Rojas* (2023) 15 Cal.5th 561, was dismissed:

<b>#23-126 <i>People v. Chagolla</i>, S279679</b>	(D079231; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; BAF1700629)
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<b>#23-98 <i>In re D.R.</i>, S279489</b>	(B317364; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PJ52824)
<b>#23-39 <i>People v. Herbert</i>, S277900</b>	(D078399; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF1702155)
<b>#23-77 <i>People v. Laws</i>, S278836</b>	(F081267; nonpublished opinion; Kern County Superior Court; BF165010A)
<b>#23-25 <i>People v. Lopez</i>, S277304</b>	(E073016; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; INF1601092)
<b>#23-99 <i>People v. Oliva</i>, S279485</b>	(E073979; 89 Cal.App.5th 76; San Bernardino County Superior Court; FVI1503175)
<b>#23-6 <i>People v. Velazquez</i>, S277482</b>	(C086562; nonpublished opinion; Yolo County Superior Court; CRF164909)

The following cases were transferred for reconsideration in light of *People v. Rojas* (2023) 15 Cal.5th 561:

<b>#22-279 <i>People v. Nunez</i>, S275838</b>	(F080359; nonpublished opinion; Kern County Superior Court; BF171239A)
<b>#22-296 <i>People v. Trevino</i>, S276499</b>	(F080725; nonpublished opinion; Madera County Superior Court; MCR052302A)

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