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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of June 16, 2025

[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.]

#25-198 *People v. Aguirre*, **S290865.** (B334685; nonpublished opinion; Ventura County Superior Court; 2023017104.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Fletcher*, S281282 (#23-188), which presents the following issues: (1) Does Assembly Bill No. 333 amend the requirements for a true finding on a prior strike conviction (Pen. Code, § 667, subds. (b)–(i) & 1170.12, subds. (a)–(d)) and a prior serious felony conviction (Pen. Code, § 667, subd. (a)), or is that determination made on "the date of that prior conviction"? (See Pen. Code, §§ 667, subd. (d)(1) & 1170.12, subd. (b)(1).) (2) Does Assembly Bill No. 333 (Stats. 2021, ch. 699), which modified the criminal street gang statute (Pen. Code, § 186.22), unconstitutionally amend Proposition 21 and Proposition 36, if applied to strike convictions and serious felony convictions?

#25-199 *People v. Arreguin*, **S290834.** (G063800; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 06CF3589.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter and remanded for resentencing.

#25-200 *People v. Mialkousky*, **S290665.** (E083235; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF145467.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

#25-201 *People v. Pizano*, **S290541.** (E083084; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; BAF1900023.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal from a post-judgment order in a criminal matter.

The court ordered briefing in *Arreguin*, *Mialkousky*, and *Pizano* deferred pending decision in *People v. Rhodius*, S283169 (#24-34), which presents the following issue: Does Senate Bill No. 483 (Stats. 2021, ch. 728) entitle a defendant to a full resentencing hearing under Penal Code section 1172.75 if the defendant's prior prison term enhancements (Pen. Code, § 667.5, subd. (b)) were imposed and stayed, rather than imposed and executed?

#25-202 *People v. Domingo*, **S290570.** (B336527; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; NA105356.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

#25-203 *People v. Juarez*, **S290874.** (B334480; nonpublished opinion; Santa Barbara County Superior Court; 1501002.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

#25-204 *People v. Vega*, **S290815.** (H051017; nonpublished opinion; Monterey County Superior Court; SS092456A.) 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 *Domingo*, *Juarez*, and *Vega* deferred pending decision in *In re Hernandez*, S282186 (#23-261), which presents the following issue: Does the totality of the circumstances establish that defendant meaningfully understood the immigration consequences of her plea?

#25-205 *People v. Magana*, **S290583.** (B328270; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; ZM033875.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal conditionally reversed a civil commitment order and remanded for further proceedings.

#25-206 *People v. Washington*, **S290585.** (B327869; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; ZM023624.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal conditionally reversed a civil commitment order and remanded for further proceedings.

The court ordered briefing in *Magana* and *Washington* deferred pending decision in *People v. Cannon*, S277995 (#23-26), which presents the following issue: What level of scrutiny applies in determining whether the Sexually Violent Predator Act (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 6600 et seq.) violates equal protection because it does not require an advisement or personal waiver of a jury trial as afforded in other civil commitment statutes?

#25-207 *People v. Rodriguez*, **S290731.** (H049398; nonpublished opinion; Monterey County Superior Court; 19CR012872.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses and remanded for further

proceedings. The court ordered briefing deferred 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?

DISPOSITIONS

People v. Balcom, S216466, an automatic appeal, was abated upon the death of the appellant.

Review in the following case, which was granted and held for *People v. Lynch* (2024) 16 Cal.5th 730 and *People v. Salazar* (2023) 15 Cal.5th 416, was dismissed:

#23-40 People v. Ortez, S278072	(B311885; nonpublished opinion; Los
	Angeles County Superior Court; BA451111)
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Review in the following case was dismissed at the joint request of the parties in light of the settlement of the matter:

Chevron USA, Inc., S286233	(F083724; 102 Cal.App.5th 1040; Kern County Superior Court; S1500-
	CV-282520_JEB)

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