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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of August 18, 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.]

#25-287 *Cash v. County of Los Angeles*, S291827. (B336980; 111 Cal.App.5th 741; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BC718190.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed post-judgment orders in a civil action. This case presents the following issues: (1) Did the trial court's across-the-board reduction of the fees requested by plaintiff's counsel trigger heightened scrutiny of its fee order on appeal? (2) Did the trial court commit reversible error in reducing the fee request on an across-the-board basis?

#25-288 *People v. Grimes*, S291987. (B336757; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; LA033697.) 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. Superior Court (Guevara)*, S283305 (#24-50), which presents the following issues: (1) Do the revised penalty provisions of the Three Strikes Reform Act of 2012 (Pen. Code, § 1170.12) apply when a defendant is resentenced pursuant to Senate Bill No. 483 (Pen. Code, § 1172.75)? (2) Do defendants qualify as "presently serving an indeterminate term" under Penal Code section 1170.126 if they were serving such a term on the effective date of the statute, or only if they are currently serving such an indeterminate term?

#25-289 *People v. Sweat*, S292033. (H051244; nonpublished opinion; Santa Clara County Superior Court; CC247074.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed a post-judgment order in a criminal matter and remanded for further proceedings. 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))?

DISPOSITIONS

Review in the following cases, which were granted and held for *People v. Rhodius* (2025) 17 Cal.5th 1050, was dismissed:

#25-256 <i>People v. Arceo</i> , S291447	(G063574; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 97CF2677)
#25-199 <i>People v. Arreguin</i> , S290834	(G063800; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 06CF3589)
#24-146 <i>People v. Avalos</i> , S285877	(F086715; nonpublished opinion; Merced County Superior Court; CRM026522)
#25-151 <i>People v. Avery</i> , S290322	(B331967; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; VA062824)
#24-197 <i>People v. Banuelos</i> , S286858	(B332327; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; SA017369)
#25-3 <i>People v. Barnette</i> , S288294	(D083350; nonpublished opinion; San Diego County Superior Court; SCD148088)
#25-180 <i>People v. Bess</i> , S290607	(G063556; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 96CF3190)

#24-213 <i>People v. Blake</i>, S287143	(F085883; nonpublished opinion; Fresno County Superior Court; F15902365)
#24-206 <i>People v. Buckley</i>, S286978	(B324582; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; LA030841)
#25-85 <i>People v. Burnell</i>, S289452	(G063569; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 02WF1367)
#25-210 <i>People v. Canedos</i>, S290941	(B336286; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PA036037)
#25-5 <i>People v. Chlad</i>, S287963	(E083222; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; BAF002073)
#24-37 <i>People v. Christianson</i>, S283189	(D081330; 97 Cal.App.5th 300; San Diego County Superior Court; SCD267047)
#24-175 <i>People v. Clayton</i>, S286455	(H051277; nonpublished opinion; Santa Clara County Superior Court; CC512072)
#25-32 <i>People v. Croghan</i>, S288701	(G063540; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 94WF1469)
#24-214 <i>People v. Divincenzo</i>, S287081	(E082704; nonpublished opinion; San Bernardino County Superior Court; FVI05479)
#25-112 <i>People v. Dupree</i>, S289782	(G063533; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 96NF0620)

#25-26 <i>People v. Edwards</i> , S288473	(B331768; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; KA038478)
#24-243 <i>People v. Faircloth</i> , S287557	(D083519; nonpublished opinion; San Diego County Superior Court; SCD262107)
#25-181 <i>People v. Fernandez</i> , S290795	(E083319; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; SWF1807828)
#25-63 <i>People v. Gallegos</i> , S289148	(B334097; nonpublished opinion; Ventura County Superior Court; 2019017979)
#25-76 <i>People v. Garateix</i> , S289294	(G063660; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 95SF0848)
#24-244 <i>People v. Garcia</i> , S287773	(D083526; nonpublished opinion; San Diego County Superior Court; SCD253653)
#25-182 <i>People v. Gilmore</i> , S290734	(B335749; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; NA105314)
#25-257 <i>People v. Giuffra</i> , S291524	(B337189; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; A465712)
#24-245 <i>People v. Gomez</i> , S287785	(D084513; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; INF1600337)
#24-246 <i>People v. Hayes</i> , S287718	(D083396; nonpublished opinion; San Diego County Superior Court; SCD207065)

#25-158 <i>People v. Jackson</i>, S290304	(B336238; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA432044)
#25-34 <i>People v. Jimenez</i>, S288381	(D083389; nonpublished opinion; San Diego County Superior Court; SCD267560)
#25-159 <i>People v. Johns</i>, S290222	(A169599; nonpublished opinion; Sonoma County Superior Court; SCR7082081)
#25-262 <i>People v. Lee</i>, S291459	(G063673; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 98NF1887)
#25-263 <i>People v. Lopez</i>, S291446	(G063435; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 96CF1469)

Review in the following case, which was retitled *The Association of Deputy District Attorneys v. Hochman*, was dismissed as moot:

#22-241 <i>The Association of Deputy District Attorneys v. Gascón</i>, S275478	(B310845; 79 Cal.App.5th 503 [non-citable]; Los Angeles County Superior Court; 20STCP04250)
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STATUS

In the following cases, in which briefing was previously deferred pending decision in *People v. Rhodius* (2025) 17 Cal.5th 1050, 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?

#25-135 <i>People v. Figueroa</i>, S290249	(G063645; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 08NF0581)
#25-171 <i>People v. Trantum</i>, S290454	(E082901; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; INF1700752)
#25-234 <i>People v. Valdivia</i>, S291101	(G063750; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 96HF0365)
#25-251 <i>People v. Vega</i>, S291321	(G063744; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 18NF0059)
#25-235 <i>People v. Velasquez</i>, S290889	(G063791; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 16HF1104)
#25-252 <i>People v. Whitley</i>, S291366	(G063809; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 13NF1347)
#25-219 <i>People v. Wilkens</i>, S290995	(G063758; nonpublished opinion; Orange County Superior Court; 97NF3400)
#25-115 <i>People v. Yost</i>, S289882	(E083078; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; CR67330)

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