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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of August 21, 2023

[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.]

#23-169 *People v. Howard*, S281144. (H047743; nonpublished opinion; Santa Clara County Superior Court; 196824.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a civil commitment order. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *Camacho v. Superior Court*, S273391 (#22-118), which presents the following issue: Does a 15-year delay in bringing a defendant to trial under the Sexually Violent Predator Act (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 6600 et seq.) constitute a due process violation?

DISPOSITIONS

The following cases were transferred for reconsideration in light of *Leon v. County of Riverside* (2023) 14 Cal.5th 910:

#22-75 <i>Nelson v. Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office</i>, S272870	(B308778; nonpublished opinion; Santa Barbara County Superior Court; 19CV06081)
#23-39 <i>Conway v. San Diego City Employees' Retirement System</i>, S277880	(D079355; nonpublished opinion; San Diego County Superior Court; 37-2020-00007020-CU-FR-CTL)

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fifty-eight county superior courts (the trial courts). Among its other duties, the court also decides all capital appeals and related matters and reviews both attorney and judicial disciplinary matters.