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## Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of October 18, 2021

[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.]

#21-501 People v. Gonzalez, S270771. (H046911; nonpublished opinion; Monterey County Superior Court; SS981989.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

#21-502 People v. Martinez, S270851. (B308793; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; GA071089.) 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 *Gonzalez* and *Martinez* deferred pending decision in *People v. Lopez*, S258175 (#19-172), which presents the following issues: (1) Does Senate Bill No. 1437 (Stats. 2018, ch. 1015) apply to attempted murder liability under the natural and probable consequences doctrine? (2) In order to convict an aider and abettor of attempted willful, deliberate and premeditated murder under the natural and probable consequences doctrine, must a premeditated attempt to murder have been a natural and probable consequence of the target offense? In other words, should *People v. Favor* (2012) 54 Cal.4th 868 be reconsidered in light of *Alleyne v. United States* (2013) 570 U.S. 99 and *People v. Chiu* (2014) 59 Cal.4th 155? (3) What is the significance, if any, of Senate Bill No. 775 (Stats. 2021, ch. 551) to the issues presented in this case?

#21-503 In re M.K., S270424. (B307066; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; 18CCJP04153, 18CCJP04153I, 18CCJP04153J, 18CCJP04153K, 18CCJP04153L, 18CCJP04153M, 18CCJP04153N, 18CCJP04153O, 18CCJP04153P.) Petitions for review after the Court of Appeal dismissed appeals as moot in a juvenile dependency proceeding. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *In re* 

*D.P.*, S267429 (#21-251), which presents the following issues: (1) Is an appeal of a juvenile court's jurisdictional finding moot when a parent asserts that he or she has been or will be stigmatized by the finding? (2) Is an appeal of a juvenile court's jurisdictional finding moot when a parent asserts that he or she may be barred from challenging a current or future placement on the Child Abuse Central Index as a result of the finding?

#21-504 People v. Medina, S270899. (C091206; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 08F03645.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v. Strong, S266606 (#21-101), which presents the following issue: Does a felony-murder special circumstance finding (Pen. Code, § 190.2, subd. (a)(17)) made before People v. Banks (2015) 61 Cal.4th 788 and People v. Clark (2016) 63 Cal.4th 522 preclude a defendant from making a prima facie showing of eligibility for relief under Penal Code section 1170.95?

#21-505 People v. Parra, S270904. (B309749; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; NA003695.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v. Espinoza, S269647 (#21-453), which presents the following issue: Did the Court of Appeal err in ruling that defendant failed to adequately corroborate his claim that immigration consequences were a paramount concern and thus that he could not demonstrate prejudice within the meaning of Penal Code section 1473.7?

#21-506 People v. Quevedo, S270879. (B300862; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA456662.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v. Renteria, S266854 (#21-160), which presents the following issue: When a member of a criminal street gang acts alone in committing a felony, what evidence will suffice to establish the felony was "committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, with the specific intent to promote, further, or assist in any criminal conduct by gang members"? (Pen. Code, § 186.22, subd. (b)(1); see People v. Albillar (2010) 51 Cal.4th 47, 59-60.)

#21-507 People v. Slone, S270690. (E075821; nonpublished opinion; San Bernardino County Superior Court; FVI901230.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v. Delgadillo, S266305 (#21-72), which presents the following issues: (1) What procedures must appointed counsel and the Courts of Appeal follow when counsel determines that an appeal from an order

denying postconviction relief lacks arguable merit? (2) Are defendants entitled to notice of these procedures?

## **DISPOSITIONS**

*People v. Alcala*, S181535, an automatic appeal, was abated upon the death of the appellant.

Review in the following cases, which were granted and held for *People v. Lewis* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 952, was dismissed:

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#20-104 People v. Miller, S260857.	(B295952; nonpublished opinion; Los
	Angeles County Superior Court;
	VA097054)
#20-123 People v. Graham, S260963.	(C089323; nonpublished opinion; San
	Joaquin County Superior Court;
	SF111544A, STKCRFE20096385)
#20-164 People v. Oakley, S262377.	(B297533; nonpublished opinion; Los
	Angeles County Superior Court;
	YA080803)
#20-183 People v. Huynh, S262635.	(D075588; nonpublished opinion; San
• • •	Diego County Superior Court;
	SCD222832)
#20-199 People v. Baqir, S262367.	(B297662; nonpublished opinion; Los
	Angeles County Superior Court;
	YA023242)
#20-211 People v. Jackson, S263023.	(B296324; nonpublished opinion; Los
•	Angeles County Superior Court;
	BA244075)
#21-289 People v. Romero, S268592.	(F080588; nonpublished opinion; Fresno
	County Superior Court; F13905308)
#20-299 People v. Miron, S264286.	(B298821; nonpublished opinion; Los
	Angeles County Superior Court;
	GA037024)
#20-323 People v. Santos, S264649.	(G057886; nonpublished opinion; Orange
•	County Superior Court; 02CF2639)
#20-358 People v. Wooten, S265018.	(B299935; nonpublished opinion; Los
	Angeles County Superior Court;
	TA065825)
#20-368 People v. Milliken, S265125.	(C089246; nonpublished opinion; San
	Joaquin County Superior Court;
	SF091235A, STKCRFE20040007094)
#21-95 People v. Jones, S266668.	(B300320; nonpublished opinion; Los
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	GA051109)
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#21-192 People v. Telles, S267450.	(C089364; nonpublished opinion; San
	Joaquin County Superior Court;
	STKCRCNV19970017436, SP061709A)
#21-247 People v. Valdez, S268130.	(D078240; nonpublished opinion; San
	Diego County Superior Court;
	SCE333769)
#21-263 People v. Morton, S268166.	(G059414; nonpublished opinion; Orange
	County Superior Court; 99CF2224)
#21-353 People v. McCavitt, S269097.	(C090860; nonpublished opinion; El
	Dorado County Superior Court;
	P13CRF0303)
#21-355 People v. Mitchell, S269103.	(C091560; nonpublished opinion;
	Sacramento County Superior Court;
	93F04222)
#21-357 People v. Reyes, S269213.	(B305418; nonpublished opinion; Los
	Angeles County Superior Court;
	KA058220)

Review in the following cases, which were granted and held for *Gonzalez v. Mathis* (2021) 12 Cal.5th 29 and *Sandoval v. Qualcomm* (2021) 12 Cal.5th 256, was dismissed:

#19-88 Strouse v. Webcor Construction,	(A148863; 34 Cal.App.5th 703; Alameda
<i>L.P.</i> , <i>S256136</i> .	County Superior Court; RG13670376)
#20-260 Horne v. Ahern Rentals,	(B299605; 50 Cal.App.5th 192; Los
S263309.	Angeles County Superior Court;
	BC675950)

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