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Jorge E. Navarrete Clerk of the Supreme Court 350 McAllister St. San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: People v. Hardy; Appeal No. S113421; Superior Court No. NA039436-02

Dear Mr. Navarette:

I submit the following additional authorities not contained in the briefs in advance of oral argument, which is set for 9:00 a.m. on March 8, 2018:

- 1. Whether there was *Batson/Wheeler* error based on the prosecutor's peremptory challenges to three prospective jurors. (Argument III): People *v. Gutierrez* (2017) 2 Cal.5th 1150, 1158-1183.
- 2. Whether the verdict form and instructions permitted a guilty verdict on count 1 based on an improper legal theory or failed to reflect the required findings of fact for first degree murder (Argument X): *People v. Johnson* (2015) 61 Cal.4th 734, 784; *People v. Mack* (III.1995) 167 III.2d 525, 528-538 [658 N.E.2d 437]; *People v. Smith* (III. 2009) 233 III.2d 1, 21-26 [906 N.E.2d 529]; and *Jared v. State* (Ga. 1992) 261 Ga. 880, 883 [413 S.E.2d 710].

Additionally, appellant's issue focus letter did not identify Argument V, that is, whether it was error to admit testimonial hearsay when a deputy coroner testified about procedures performed by someone else. That position remains unchanged. However, I invite the court's attention to *People v. Sanchez* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 665, *Rosario v. State* (Fla.App. 2015) 175 So.3d 843, and *State v. Bass* (N.J. 2016) 132 A.3d 1207.

Sincerely,

SUSAN K. SHALER

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