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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of April 28, 2008**

*[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.]*

**#08-76 *People v. Paredes*, S160953.** (E040123; 158 Cal.App.4th 1516; Riverside County Superior Court; RIF100398.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. This case presents the following issue: Is the erroneous removal of appointed counsel reversible per se as structural error or is the ensuing conviction reversible only on a showing of prejudice?

**#08-77 *People v. Martinez*, S160842.** (B195582; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PA056230.) 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. Towne*, S125677 (#04-75), which presents issues concerning the use as aggravating sentencing of such factors as being on probation or parole when a crime was committed and prior unsatisfactory performance on probation or parole.

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