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NEWS RELEASE

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Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of December 13, 2010

[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.]

#10-139 *People v. Craig*, S187141. (B214894; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; TA091166.) 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. Vang*, S184212 (#10-107), which presents the following issues: (1) Did the Court of Appeal correctly find that the trial court erred in permitting the use of hypothetical questions of the prosecution expert witness? (2) If so, did the Court of Appeal correctly find the error to be harmless?

#10-140 *People v. Jones*, S187135. (C059440; 188 Cal.App.4th 165; Yolo County Superior Court; 046100.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal remanded for further sentencing proceedings and otherwise affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Brown*, S181963 (#10-64), which presents the following issue: Does Penal Code section 4019, as amended to increase presentence custody credits for certain offenders, apply retroactively?

#10-141 *People v. Vidales*, S187220. (C062494; nonpublished opinion; Yolo County Superior Court; 09848.) 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. Maultsby*, S182042 (#10-80), which presents the following issue: Was defendant required to obtain a certificate of probable cause to raise on appeal a claim that his admissions regarding prior conviction

allegations were not knowingly and intelligently made, even though he was convicted by jury of the underlying offense? (See Pen. Code, § 1237.5; *People v. Fulton* (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 1230.)

DISPOSITION

Review in the following case was dismissed in light of *Lopez v. Superior Court* (2010) 50 Cal.4th 1055:

#10-109 People v. Hubbard, S183807.

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