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## **Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of February 12, 2018**

*[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.]*

**#18-30 *People v. Cordova*, S246421.** (D071710; nonpublished opinion; Riverside County Superior Court; SWF023165.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment on resentencing in a criminal case. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Mendoza*, S238032 (#17-32) and *People v. Padilla*, S239454 (#17-34), which present issues as to the requirements under *Montgomery v. Louisiana* (2016) 577 U.S. \_\_\_, 136 S.Ct. 718, 193 L.Ed.2d 599, and *Miller v. Alabama* (2012) 567 U.S. \_\_\_, 132 S.Ct. 2455, 183 L.Ed.2d 407, for imposing a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole on a juvenile offender.

**#18-31 *People v. Harrell*, S245796.** (A145661; nonpublished opinion; Solano County Superior Court; FCR306522, FCR308925.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. Franco*, S233973 (#16-218), which concerns the value of an uncashed forged check for the purpose of distinguishing between felony and misdemeanor forgery, and *People v. Gonzales*, S240044 (#17-51) and *People v. Guerrero*, S238401 (#17-58), which concern the circumstances under which a forgery conviction is excluded from sentencing as a misdemeanor under Penal Code section 473, subdivision (b), because of a conviction for identity theft.

**#18-32 *People v. Howard*, S245845.** (C077703; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 14F01395.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *People v. DeHoyos*, S228230 (#15-171), which presents the following issue: Does the Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act [Proposition 47] (Gen. Elec. (Nov. 4, 2014)), which made specified crimes misdemeanors rather than felonies,

apply retroactively to a defendant who was sentenced before the Act's effective date but whose judgment was not final until after that date?

**#18-33 *People v. Rajabiy, S245850.*** (B279770; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PA086661.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense.

**#18-34 *People v. Valdivia, S245893.*** (C082622; nonpublished opinion; Sacramento County Superior Court; 16FE012090.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense.

The court ordered briefing in *Rajabiy* and *Valdivia* deferred pending decision in *In re Ricardo P.*, S230923 (#16-41), which presents the following issue: Did the trial court err imposing an “electronics search condition” on minor as a condition of his probation when it had no relationship to the crimes he committed but was justified on appeal as reasonably related to future criminality under *People v. Olguin* (2008) 45 Cal.4th 375 because it would facilitate his supervision?

#### DISPOSITIONS

**#14-116 *In re Robinson, S141320.*** Original proceeding. The court transferred this matter to the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

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