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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of December 16, 2019

[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.]

#19-213 *People v. Corona*, S258684. (F075515; nonpublished opinion; Kern County Superior Court; BF161200C.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in part and reversed in part a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses.

#19-214 *People v. Morales*, S258658. (B253249; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; KA098830.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in part and reversed in part judgments of conviction of criminal offenses.

#19-215 *People v. Ramirez*, S258593. (B265610; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; VA130983.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal remanded for resentencing and otherwise affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses.

The court ordered briefing in *Corona*, *Morales*, and *Ramirez* 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) 50 U.S. 99 and *People v. Chiu* (2014) 59 Cal.4th 155?

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