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Re: *People v. Craigen Lewis Armstrong*
California Supreme Court No. S130659
Oral Argument

Frank A. McGuire Clerk

Deputy

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am appointed counsel for appellant Craigen Lewis Armstrong in the above-referenced automatic appeal from a judgment of death. This case has been calendared for oral argument on June 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Court and counsel of the issues upon which I intend to focus the argument.

Although I shall be pleased to respond to questions from the Court on any of the issues raised in the appeal, I anticipate focusing my argument on the following interrelated issues:

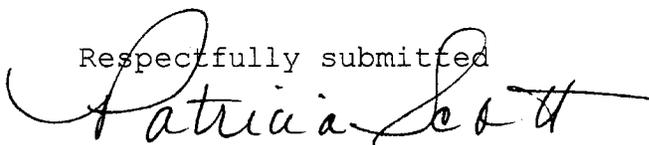
* As raised in Argument II of the Appellant's Opening Brief, whether the trial court improperly dismissed Juror No. 5 for purported misconduct during the course of the jury's deliberations in violation of his state and federal constitutional rights.

* As raised in Argument III, whether the trial court erred in failing to *sua sponte* hold a hearing and inquire of the entire jury panel whether Juror No. 12 told the other jurors that he knew appellant's cousin, about the cousin's inflammatory comments to him regarding appellant's character, and as to the juror's opinion that the defense of self-defense does not apply to gang members.

* If time permits, as raised in Argument IV, whether the substitution of alternate jurors coerced the verdict.

Please contact me if any further information is required. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted



Patricia A. Scott

DEATH PENALTY

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Case Name: *People v. Craigen Lewis Armstrong*

Superior Court No. YA049592
Cal. Supreme Ct. No. S130659

I declare: I am employed in the County of Yavapai, Arizona. I am over 18 years of age and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 1042 Willow Creek Road, #463, Prescott, Arizona, 86301.

On May 17, 2016, I served the attached:

Letter re: *Oral Argument*

of which a true and correct copy of the document filed in the cause is affixed, by placing a copy thereof in a separate envelope for each addressee named hereafter, addressed to each such addressee respectively as follows:

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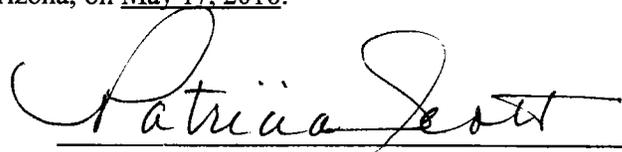
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Each envelope was then sealed and with the postage thereon fully prepaid deposited in the United States mail by me at Prescott, Arizona on May 17, 2016.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and this declaration was executed at Prescott, Arizona, on May 17, 2016.

PATRICIA A. SCOTT
(Typed Name)


(Signature)