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Hon. Jorge E. Navarette Clerk and Executive Officer California Supreme Court 350 McAllister Street San Francisco, CA 94102-4797

Re: People v. Carl Edward Molano (S161399)

Focus Issues for Oral Argument of April 4, 2019

Dear Mr. Navarette:

I am writing to request that you notify the court regarding two focus issues I would like to discuss at the oral argument scheduled for April 4, 2019 in the above referenced matter.

The first issue, which I expect will occupy most, and possibly all, of the allotted time, is the issue raised as Argument I in appellant's opening brief pertaining to the investigating officers' intentional use of trickery and deceit to obtain a Miranda waiver from appellant. The second issue, raised as Argument II in appellant's opening brief, pertains to the admission of three prior convictions to prove propensity under Evidence Code section 1108.

In addition to the foregoing issues, I will of course be prepared to respond to questions regarding any of the remaining appellate issues.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any additional information I can provide.

Sincerely,

Wesley A. Van Winkle Wesley A. Van Winkle Counsel for appellant, Carl Edward Molano

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/s/ Carol Friedman
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