

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

S055856

**PEOPLE v. ROMERO
(ORLANDO GENE) & SELF
(CHRISTOPHER)**

Opinion filed: Judgment affirmed as modified

For the reasons set forth above, we reverse Self's conviction and sentence on count XV, the robbery of Albert Knoefler, vacate five multiple-murder special-circumstance findings for each defendant, and otherwise affirm the judgment.

Majority Opinion by Werdegar, J.

-- joined by Cantil-Sakauye, C. J., Chin, Corrigan, Liu, Cuéllar, and Kruger, JJ.

S210234

C071065 Third Appellate District

**PEOPLE v. PRUNTY
(ZACKERY)**

Opinion filed: Judgment reversed

We conclude that section 186.22(f)'s definition of a "criminal street gang" - and in particular its requirement of an "organization, association, or group" - calls for evidence that an organizational or associational connection unites the "group" members. When, as here, the prosecution relies on the conduct of subsets to show a criminal street gang's existence, the prosecution must show a connection among those subsets, and also that the gang those subsets comprise is the same gang the defendant sought to benefit. Because the decision below does not accord with this standard, we reverse the Court of Appeal's judgment as to defendant Prunty's sentence and remand for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion.

Majority Opinion by Cuéllar, J.

-- joined by Werdegar, Liu, and Kruger, JJ.

Concurring and Dissenting Opinion by Cantil-Sakauye, C. J.

-- joined by Chin, J.

Concurring and Dissenting Opinion by Corrigan, J.

S228096

A140302 First Appellate District, Div. 5

**IN RE CELLPHONE
TERMINATION FEE CASES**

Petition ordered withdrawn

Petitioner's request, filed on August 26, 2015, to withdraw the petition for review is granted.

S040704**PEOPLE v. JOHNSEN (BRIAN DAVID)**

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon Deputy Attorney General A. Kay Lauterbach's representation that the respondent's brief is anticipated to be filed by May 2, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to October 30, 2015. After that date, only three further extensions totaling about 184 additional days are contemplated. An application to file an overlength brief must be served and filed no later than 60 days before the anticipated filing date. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.631(d)(1)(A)(ii) & (B)(ii).)

S216626**TOWNSEL (ANTHONY LETRICE) ON H.C.**

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon Supervising Deputy State Public Defender Evan Young's representation that the reply to the informal response to the petition for writ of habeas corpus is anticipated to be filed by June 2, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that document is granted to October 30, 2015. After that date, only four further extensions totaling about 217 additional days will be granted.

S218292**GHOBRIAL (JOHN SAMUEL) ON H.C.**

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon counsel Fred Renfroe's representation that the reply to the informal response to the petition for writ of habeas corpus is anticipated to be filed by July 3, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that document is granted to November 2, 2015. After that date, only four further extensions totaling about 247 additional days will be granted.

S225109

D064639 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1

MAAS (MICHAEL EUGENE) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)

Extension of time granted

On application of petitioner and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the opening brief on the merits is extended to September 16, 2015.

S223691**DENCER ON DISCIPLINE**

Order filed – FREDERICK TAYTON DENCER

The order filed on July 22, 2015 is amended as to the following: State Bar Court No. 12-O-16002. The order is further amended to include the following language: The petition for review is denied.

S223698 A125542 First Appellate District, Div. 2 **PEOPLE v. BUZA (MARK)**
Order filed

On application of appellant and good cause appearing, it is ordered that permission to file the answer brief on the merits in excess of 14,000 words is hereby granted.