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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions for Week of May 5, 2014

The California Supreme Court has announced that it accepted no cases during the week of May 5, 2014.

STATUS

#12-71 *People v. Tom, S202107*. The court limited the issues to be argued and decided to the following: (1) Does the use of a defendant's post-arrest, pre-*Miranda* silence in the prosecution's case-in-chief violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination or the Fourteenth Amendment right to due process when the silence was neither compelled nor induced by governmental action beyond the arrest itself? (2) Was any error concerning the admission of defendant's post-arrest, pre-*Miranda* silence in this case harmless?

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The Supreme Court of California is the state's highest court and its decisions are binding on all other California state courts. The court's primary role is to decide matters of statewide importance and to maintain uniformity in the law throughout California by reviewing matters from the six districts of the California Courts of Appeal and the fifty-eight county superior courts (the trial courts). Among its other duties, the court also decides all capital appeals and related matters and reviews both attorney and judicial disciplinary matters.