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Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions for Week of October 20, 2014

[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.]

#14-122 *People v. Shapiro, S220891.* (G048132; 228 Cal.App.4th 157; Orange County Superior Court; 11WF0999.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in *Johnson v. California Department of Justice, S209167* (#13-39), which includes the following issues: Do the equal protection principles of *People v. Hofsheier* (2006) 37 Cal.4th 1185 bar mandatory sex offender registration for a defendant convicted of oral copulation between a “person over the age of 21 years” and a “person who is under 16 years of age” (Pen. Code, § 288a, subd. (b)(2))? Should the court overrule *People v. Hofsheier* (2006) 37 Cal.4th 1185?

DISPOSITION

#14-34 *Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. v. Cable News Network, Inc., S216351.* The court vacated the order granting the request by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to decide a question of California law based on that court’s notice of withdrawal of its request.

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