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Re: People v. Soto, case no. S236164
Oral argument calendared for February 7, 2018
Recent authorities letter

Dear Sir or Madame,

Appellant Soto wishes to call to the Court's attention the following recent authorities:

1. In re Martinez (2017) 3 Cal.5th 1216, 1227, for the proposition that the fact that a jury sends notes to the trial judge during deliberation inquiring about certain issues tends to show the jurors' ambivalence on those issues, and thus tends to show that any error on those issues was prejudicial.

Respectfully submitted,



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I, S.B. MERIDIAN, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action; that my business address is 1970 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, CA 94612.

On the date below, I served the following documents:

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