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Re: *People v. Catherine Thompson*, Case No. S033901
Oral Argument Focus Letter

Dear Mr. McGuire:

The Court has calendared oral argument in the above-referenced case for Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. I will be arguing on behalf of Ms. Thompson. My argument will focus on the trial court's refusal to grant severance of appellant's case from that of codefendant Sanders (Opening Brief Argument I) and the court's suspension of reciprocal discovery between Sanders and the prosecution (Opening Brief Argument II).

Thank you for bringing this letter to the Court's attention.

Very truly yours,

DENISE KENDALL
Assistant State Public Defender

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Cal. Supreme Court No. S033901

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed on **August 11, 2016**, at Oakland, California.



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