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Re: People v. Ruben Becerrada
Case No. S170957

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Oral argument in the above-referenced case has been calendared for February 7, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. At that hearing, I intend to focus my argument on the following claims:

Argument I [The Trial Court Erred in Admitting Photographs Displaying Appellant's Tattoos];

Argument II [The Trial Court Erred in Admitting Testimony that a Hand Sign that Appellant Flashed During a Pretrial Hearing was a Gang Symbol];

Argument III [The Trial Court Improperly Admitted Gang Evidence Found in the Victim's Address Book];

Argument IV [The Trial Court Improperly Admitted Statements by Appellant Claiming to be a Hit Man for the Mexican Mafia];

Argument VIII [The Evidence was Legally Insufficient to Support the Jurors' Finding of the Lying-In-Wait Special Circumstance].

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arnold Erickson
Senior Deputy State Public Defender

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL

Case Name: **People v. Ruben Becerrada**
Case Number: **Cal. Supreme Ct. No. S170957**
Los Angeles Co. Superior Ct. No. LA033909

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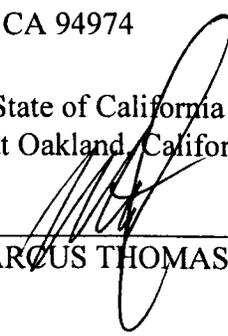
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on **January 13, 2017**, at Oakland, California.



MARCUS THOMAS