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RE: *People v. Edward Matthew Wycoff*
Supreme Court of California, Case No. S178669
Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. 5-071529-2
Focus Letter

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This letter specifies the issues on which I expect to focus during oral argument on June 1, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. As respondent's counsel, I intend to focus on the following issues raised in appellant's opening and reply briefs and the Court's directive contained in its May 24, 2021 letter:

- I. Appellant's argument that the trial court erred when it failed to conduct a hearing into appellant's competency to stand trial (AOB 88-109);
- II. Appellant's argument that the trial court committed reversible error when it failed to conduct a hearing into appellant's competency to waive his right to counsel (AOB 110-124);
- II. Whether, assuming this Court concludes that the trial court erred in finding appellant competent to stand trial without holding proceedings under Penal Code sections 1368 and 1369, a remand is appropriate to allow the trial court to consider the feasibility of holding a retrospective competency hearing (see AOB 90-91; RB 115-118).

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In addition, I will be prepared to address any other matters of interest to the Court.

Sincerely,

/s/ Basil R. Williams

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