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Honorable Jorge E. Navarrete
Court Administrator/Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of California
Earl Warren Building, Civic Center Plaza
350 McAllister Street, Room 1295
San Francisco, CA 94102-4797

Re: *People v. Ryan James Hoyt*, Case No. S113653
Focus Letter

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This Court has calendared this case for oral argument on November 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., in Sacramento. As counsel for appellant, I intend to focus on these three issues, as well as any issues addressed by the court at oral argument:

- Claim 3. The superior court erred by excluding prospective juror F.G.
- Claim 10. The evidence was insufficient to prove the “independent purpose” element of the kidnap-murder special circumstance and instructional error permitted the jury to circumvent that defect in proof.
- Claim 14. The superior court erred by denying appellant’s motion for new trial or penalty without due process.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/
Roger Teich
Attorney for Appellant

PEOPLE v. RYAN JAMES HOYT
Automatic Appeal No. S113653
Santa Barbara County Superior Court No. 1014465

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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, and that this declaration was executed at Mariposa, California, on October 24, 2019.

/s/ Sabine Jordan
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