



## COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

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) ) SUPERIOR COURT
) NO. A-090435
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APPEAL FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HONORABLE LAURENCE J. RITTENBAND, JUDGE PRESIDING
REPORTERS' TRANSCRIPT ON APPEAL

APPEARANCES:

FOR PLAINTIFF-RESPONDENT: JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP

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FOR DEFENDANT-APPELLANT: IN PROPRIA PERSONA

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PHASE."

SANTA MONICA, CALIFRONIA; MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1987; 10:00 A.M. 1 2 DEPARTMENT C HON. LAURENCE J. RITTENBAND, JUDGE (APPEARANCES AS NOTED ON TITLE PAGE.) 3 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD 5 IN CHAMBERS WITH THE DEFENDANT, MR. 6 7 BARENS AND MR. CHIER NOT BEING PRESENT:) 8 THE COURT: THE JURY, UNDER DATE OF THE 29TH OF MAY, 1987, 9 THROUGH ITS FOREMAN, SENT THE COURT A NOTE AS FOLLOWS: 10 "WE. THE JURY IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED ACTION REQUEST THE FOLLOWING: 11 "IF THE JURY CANNOT REACH A 12 13 UNANIMOUS DECISION, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?" THE COURT COMMUNICATED WITH MR. ARTHUR BARENS, 14 THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT, AND HE ADVISED THE CLERK 15 16 THAT IT WILL BE AGREEABLE TO HIM IF THE COURT WOULD INSTRUCT THE JURY THAT THEY SHOULD REACH A VERDICT IF THEY POSSIBLY 17 18 CAN. IF NOT, THEN THE CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE RETRIED. 19 I THEN CONFERRED -- THE COURT THEN CONFERRED 20 WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND THE COURT THEN DRAFTED A REPLY TO THE JURY'S 21 22 REQUEST AS FOLLOWS: 23 "IF THIS JURY CANNOT UNANIMOUSLY 24 AGREE UPON A VERDICT, A MISTRIAL WILL BE DECLARED 25 AND A NEW JURY WILL BE IMPANELED TO TRY THE ISSUES 26 OF THE PENALTY PHASE WHICH WILL NECESSITATE THE 27 INCLUSION OF ALL TESTIMONY HEARD DURING THE GUILT

THE COURT THEN COMMUNICATED WITH MR. BARENS

AND READ HIM THE COURT'S ANSWER TO THE JURY'S REQUEST AND

MR. BARENS HAS SAID THAT IT WAS AGREEABLE TO HIM TO SO ADVISE

THE JURY.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF
THE FOREGOING AND HE HAS RESERVATIONS OF THE FOREGOING
COMMUNICATION, SINCE IT IS HIS BELIEF THAT THE DEFENDANT
SHOULD BE CONSULTED, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARY IN THE COURT'S
OPINION.

ALL RIGHT, YOU ARE PROTECTED.

NOW I WILL INSTRUCT THE REPORTER TO GO INTO THE JURY ROOM AND READ THE COMMUNICATION WHICH I HAVE PUT ON THE RECORD, WHICH IS THE ANSWER TO THE INQUIRY MADE BY THE JURY, ALL RIGHT?

MR. WAPNER: YOUR HONOR, I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD PROBABLY READ THAT TO THEM IN OPEN COURT.

IF THE DEFENDANT AND COUNSEL ARE NOT GOING
TO BE HERE, I WILL NOT BE HERE BUT IT IS BETTER THAT THE
COURT DO IT RATHER THAN THE REPORTER DO IT.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, GET THE JURORS IN AND I WILL
TELL THE JURY THAT THE COURT COMMUNICATED THE CONTENTS OF
THIS TO DEFENSE COUNSEL AND IT WAS AGREEABLE TO HIM.

MR. WAPNER: ALL RIGHT.

THE COURT: I WON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU.

(RECESS.)

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA; TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1987; A.M. SESSION DEPARTMENT WEST C HON. LAURENCE J. RITTENBAND, JUDGE (APPEARANCES AS HERETOFORE NOTED.) (JURY RESUMES DELIBERATIONS AND NO PROCEEDINGS WERE REPORTED.) 

1	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA; WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1987; A.M. SESSION
2	DEPARTMENT WEST C HON. LAURENCE J. RITTENBAND, JUDG
3	(APPEARANCES AS HERETOFORE NOTED.)
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5	(JURY RESUMES DELIBERATIONS AND
6	NO PROCEEDINGS WERE REPORTED.)
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1	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA; THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1987; 10:30 A.M.
2	DEPARTMENT WEST C HON. LAURENCE J. RITTENBAND, JUDGE
3	(APPEARANCES AS NOTED ON TITLE PAGE
4	EXCEPT MR. CHIER IS NOT PRESENT.)
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6	(THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD
7	IN CHAMBERS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF
8	THE DEFENDANT:)
9	THE COURT: COPY THIS INTO THE RECORD FROM THE JURY
10	FOREMAN:
11	"IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO
12	LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
13	PAROLE, CAN THIS EVER BE CHANGED FOR ANY
14	REASON?
15	"2: IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED
16	TO DEATH, CAN THE SENTENCE BE CHANGED AT SOME
17	FUTURE TIME TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITH THE
18	POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE?"
19	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, NOW WE CAN GO ON THE RECORD.
20	THE BAILIFF: THE DEFENDANT WANTED TO BE PRESENT, JUDGE.
21	HE WANTED ME TO ASK THE COURT.
22	THE COURT: WAIT A MINUTE.
23	MR. BARENS: WE CAN RESOLVE THIS WITHOUT THE DEFENDANT,
24	I BELIEVE.
25	THE COURT: WE DON'T NEED HIM.
26	MR. WAPNER: I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN ON THE RECORD.
27	MR. BARENS: NOTHING.
28	THE COURT: NOTHING HAS BEEN ON THE RECORD.

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THE NOTE HAS BEEN COPIED INTO THE RECORD, THAT
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     IS ALL.
           MR. WAPNER: THE JURY APPARENTLY HAS THIS QUESTION AND,
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     YOUR HONOR, BEFORE I GIVE YOU ANY INPUT IN TO ANSWERING IT,
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     I WOULD LIKE A CHANCE TO LOOK INTO SOME CASES BECAUSE I KNOW
     THERE ARE SOME CASES ON THIS THAT I THINK SAY YOU CAN ANSWER
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     THESE TYPE OF QUESTIONS IF THEY ARE ASKED.
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                 YOU DON'T TELL THEM AHEAD OF TIME BUT IF THEY
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     ARE ASKED, YOU CAN ANSWER THEM.
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           THE COURT: THAT IS RIGHT.
           MR. WAPNER: BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT
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     SOME OF THOSE CASES --
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           THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.
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           MR. WAPNER: -- BEFORE WE ANSWER THE QUESTION.
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           THE COURT: THAT GOES FOR BOTH QUESTIONS?
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           MR. WAPNER: BOTH QUESTIONS, RIGHT.
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                 THE SECOND ONE IS:
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                        IF HE IS SENTENCED TO DEATH, CAN HE
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           SOME TIME LATER GET LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITH THE
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           POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE?
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           THE COURT: IT HAS HAPPENED.
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           MR. WAPNER: WELL, THAT IS WHEN THEY CHANGE THE LAW.
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           THE COURT: EVEN BEFORE THEY CHANGE THE LAW.
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           MR. BARENS: I THINK WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS IN TERMS
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     OF THE PRESENT LAW.
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                 KNOWING IN TERMS OF THE FIRST QUESTION, I AM SURE
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     YOUR HONOR IS GOING TO ADVISE THEM THE LEGISLATURE CAN.
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           THE COURT: THEY KNOW THE GOVERNOR, OF COURSE, CAN COMMUTE
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THE SENTENCE. HE CAN ONLY COMMUTE THE SENTENCE TO LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE; ISN'T THAT CORRECT? MR. BARENS: THAT IS CORRECT. HE HAS NO DISCRETION TO GIVE PAROLE. THE COURT: THAT IS RIGHT. MR. BARENS: UNDER THAT CIRCUMSTANCE. 

THE COURT: WELL THEN, WE CAN TELL THEM THAT THE 1 GOVERNOR HAS THE POWER TO COMMUTE THE DEATH SENTENCE TO 2 3 LIFE WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE. MR. WAPNER: WELL, LET ME DO SOME RESEARCH. MY UNDER-STANDING IS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS THE POWER TO COMMUTE 5 6 SENTENCES, PERIOD. MR. BARENS: I BELIEVE AFTER PROP 8, HE CAN ONLY 7 COMMUTE TO LIFE WITHOUT IF THE MAN HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO 8 9 DEATH. THAT IS IT. MR. WAPNER: OKAY. WELL, THAT MAY BE TRUE. 10 THE COURT: THAT IS HOW WE CAN ANSWER THAT SECOND ONE, 11 12 THEN. MR. WAPNER: IS THAT IN THE STATUTE? IS THAT IN 190 13 14 SOMEWHERE? MR. BARENS: LET'S GO OFF THE RECORD. 15 MR. WAPNER: YOUR HONOR, SHOULD WE TAKE SOME TIME TO 16 LOOK FOR THE ANSWER TO THIS AND RECONVENE LATER? 17 18 THE COURT: I WILL DO IT RIGHT NOW. 19 MR. WAPNER: WHILE THE COURT IS LOOKING FOR THAT, CAN I BE EXCUSED? I WILL GO TO MY OFFICE AND GET ONE THING 20 21 AND BE RIGHT BACK. I WILL THEN CONVENE WITH YOU IN 22 CHAMBERS. 23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. 24 (MR. WAPNER EXITS CHAMBERS.) 25

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1 MR. BARENS: I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE AN ANSWER EXPLAINING 2 THE QUESTION: ONLY IN THE EVENT THE LEGISLATURE PASSES A NEW LAW, PERIOD. AND I WOULD JUST SAY THAT, PERIOD. THE COURT: IN OTHER WORDS, THE LEGISLATURE CAN PASS 5 A NEW LAW. 6 MR. BARENS: OR A REFERENDUM. 7 THE COURT: HOW ABOUT THE GOVERNOR? 8 MR. BARENS: THERE ARE THREE WAYS, JUDGE, IT OCCURS 9 TO ME: A LEGISLATIVE FIAT, A REFERENDUM BY THE PUBLIC AT 10 LARGE, A PROPOSITION 8-TYPE THING. 11 THE COURT: I DON'T THINK THAT IT WILL. I THINK THAT 12 IS UNLIKELY. 13 MR. BARENS: IT HAPPENED BEFORE. 14 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. 15 MR. BARENS: AND THREE: THE GOVERNOR COULD COMMUTE 16 THE SENTENCE. 17 BUT THEN YOU HAVE TO SAY, HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT 18 HE WERE CONVICTED IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE GOVERNOR'S ABILITY 19 TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCE IS RESTRICTED ONLY THEN IF A MAJORITY 20 OF THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT CONCURRED WITH THE 21 GOVERNOR. 22 23 24 25 26 27

THE COURT: JUSTICES? 1 MR. BARENS: A MAJORITY OF THE JUDGES, IT SAYS IN THE 2 SUPREME COURT, IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE STATUTE. IT SHOULD 3 BE JUSTICES BUT THE WORD THEY USE IS "JUDGE", THE "JUDGE" WORD. THAT IS 4852.16. 5 THE COURT: YES? 48-WHAT? 6 MR. BARENS: 4852.16, YOUR HONOR. 7 8 THE COURT: 4852.16? MR. BARENS: YES, YOUR HONOR. THAT MIGHT BE IN THE 9 10 POCKET PART. THE COURT: IT IS IN THE MAIN PART. WELL, THAT IS JUST 11 GRANTING A PARDON. THAT ONLY APPLIES TO A PARDON. 12 "THE GOVERNOR SHALL NOT GRANT A PARDON 13 TO ANY PERSON TRIED AND CONVICTED OF A FELONY EXCEPT UPON ..." 15 A PARDON HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH COMMUTATION OF 16 17 SENTENCE. MR. BARENS: ALL RIGHT, SIR. I SEE THIS ON A REREADING 18 19 OF THAT MATTER. 20 THE COURT: YES. 21 MR. BARENS: THANK YOU. MR. WAPNER: I THINK I AM GETTING CLOSER, YOUR HONOR. 22 23 THE COURT: LET ME FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING OUT HERE. 24 (THE JUDGE EXITS CHAMBERS.) 25 (PAUSE.) 26 (THE JUDGE RE-ENTERS CHAMBERS.) 27 MR. WAPNER: YOUR HONOR, I FOUND PEOPLE V. RAMOS,

37 CAL.3D, 136. I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO READ THE WHOLE

CASE BUT --THE COURT: YES. I HAVE READ THE RAMOS CASE. MR. WAPNER: THERE IS A HEADNOTE IN THERE THAT SAYS: "WHEN THE JURY RAISES THE COMMUTATION ISSUE ITSELF, EITHER DURING VOIR DIRE OR IN A QUESTION POSED TO THE COURT DURING DELIBERATIONS, THE MATTER OBVIOUSLY CANNOT BE AVOIDED AND IS PROBABLY BEST HANDLED BY A SHORT STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE GOVERNOR'S COMMUTATION POWER APPLIES TO BOTH A LIFE AND DEATH SENTENCE BUT EMPHASIZING THAT IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE JURORS' DUTY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH COMMUTATION IN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE." 

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1 THE COURT: YES. WHY DON'T I TELL THEM THAT? MR. WAPNER: I HAVEN'T READ THE HEADNOTE -- MAYBE I 2 SHOULD. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO READ THE WHOLE CASE. 3 IT IS HEADNOTE 14, WHICH CITES YOU TO A FOOTNOTE. BUT I 4 5 WAS GOING TO HAVE YOU READ THE WHOLE PORTION OF THE CASE 6 DEALING WITH THE BRIGGS INSTRUCTION. 7 (MR. WAPNER HANDED A BOOK TO THE COURT.) MR. BARENS: JUDGE, THERE IS A CALJIC INSTRUCTION THAT 8 9 HAS THAT SAME LANGUAGE IN THERE. MR. WAPNER: IT IS JUST -- THIS IS CALJIC'S INTERPRETATION 10 11 OF RAMOS, THAT IS ALL IT IS. 12 THE COURT: WHAT DOES IT SAY? 13 MR. WAPNER: IT JUST SAYS: 14 "THE COURT FURTHER HELD, FOOTNOTE 15 12" -- WHICH IS WHAT THE COURT IS READING RIGHT 16 NOW -- "THAT THE COURT SHOULD NEVER ADVISE THE JURY OF THE GOVERNOR'S POWER OF COMMUTATION 17 18 **EXCEPT:** 19 "1, WHEN A JUROR RAISES THE ISSUE. 20 "OR 2, WHEN REQUESTED TO BY THE 21 DEFENDANT. 22 "AND THAT IN EITHER EVENT THE 23 COURT SHOULD INSTRUCT THE JURY IT WOULD BE A 24 VIOLATION OF THEIR OATHS AS JURORS TO CONSIDER 25 THE COMMUTATION OF THE SENTENCE IN ASSESSING 26 PENALTY." 27 THE COURT: WELL, NOW LET'S WRITE OUT EXACTLY WHAT

IT IS I AM GOING TO TELL THE JURY IN RESPONSE TO THEIR

INQUIRY. MR. WAPNER: I WAS READING FROM THE CALUIC COMMENT TO THE 1986 REVISION OF CALJIC INSTRUCTION 8.84.2. THE COURT: OFF THE RECORD. (UNREPORTED COLLOQUY BETWEEN COUNSEL.) THE COURT: NOW, SAY IT AGAIN. MR. BARENS: YOU MIGHT JUST SAY -- WELL, THE FIRST QUESTION WAS, I THINK, CAN HE EVER GET PAROLED? AND THE ANSWER WOULD BE, OR I WOULD STRUCTURE THE LANGUAGE TO SAY: "ONLY IF THE LEGISLATURE WERE TO PASS A NEW LAW PROVIDING FOR SAME AND MAKE IT RETROACTIVE IN ITS APPLICATION." 

MR. WAPNER: WELL, I DON'T THINK BASED ON THIS

STATEMENT, RAMOS -- AND I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO READ ALL

OF RAMOS. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE SHOULDN'T GET INTO THE

DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES OF HOW AND WHEN AND WHY THE SENTENCE

COULD BE CHANGED AND THE LEGISLATURE MIGHT CHANGE IT BECAUSE

WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT ALL OF THE POSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

AND IF WE START EXPLAINING THAT, THERE IS NO WAY

THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO COVER ALL OF THE POSSIBLE

CIRCUMSTANCES.

MR. BARENS: WHAT IS YOUR SUGGESTION, TO SAY TO THEM THAT THEY ARE NOT TO CONSIDER THAT?

MR. WAPNER: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE ANSWER TO BOTH OUESTIONS HAS TO BE THAT --

THE COURT: PARDON ME. RAMOS SAYS IF THEY BRING IT UP, YOU CAN TELL THEM. DOESN'T IT SAY THAT?

MR. WAPNER: RAMOS -- WELL, I HAVE READ ONLY THE HEADNOTE AND THE CALUIC COMMENT. SO IF YOU --

THE COURT: READ IT. IT SAYS:

THERE IS A LEGITIMATE QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT A
TRIAL JUDGE SHOULD INSTRUCT THE JURY SUA SPONTE YOU
SHOULD NOT CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF COMMUTATION
AND WHETHER NO INSTRUCTION ON THE SUBJECT SHOULD
BE GIVEN AT ALL. WHEN THE JURY RAISES THE
COMMUTATION ISSUE ITSELF, EITHER DURING THE
VOIR DIRE OR IN A QUESTION POSED TO THE COURT
DURING DELIBERATIONS, THE MATTER OBVIOUSLY,
CANNOT BE AVOIDED AND IS PROBABLY BEST HANDLED

1	BY A SHORT STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE GOVERNOR'S
2	COMMUTATION POWER APPLIES TO BOTH SENTENCES BUT
3	EMPHASIZING IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE JURORS!
4	DUTY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH
5	COMMUTATION IN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE
6	SENTENCE."
7	I WILL TELL THEM EXACTLY THAT.
8	MR. BARENS: THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I WOULD SAY.
9	THE COURT: YES.
10	MR. WAPNER: OKAY.
11	THE COURT: (READING:)
12	"THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE HAS THE
13	POWER OF COMMUTATION"
14	MR. BARENS: FOR EITHER A
15	THE COURT: "OF BOTH LIFE WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF
16	PAROLE AND OF THE DEATH SENTENCE. HOWEVER, IT
17	WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE"
18	MR. BARENS: OF YOUR GATH AS JURGRS
19	THE COURT: "OF YOUR DUTY."
20	IT SAYS "DUTY" HERE.
21	MR. BARENS: SORRY.
22	THE COURT: "TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH
23	COMMUTATION IN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE."
24	IT SAYS, <u>PEOPLE V. MORSE</u> , 62 CAL.2D NO, IT
25	IS 60 CAL.2D, 648.
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THE COURT: NOW, THIS HAS MORE TO DO WITH THE LIFE TERM WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE --(FURTHER PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS.) THE COURT: NO, NO. THAT WAS A DEATH SENTENCE, TOO. THAT WAS AT THE TIME THAT THEY HAD THIS ADULT AUTHORITY. (FURTHER PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS.) THE COURT: WELL, IT IS GENERALLY THE SAME THING, THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED WITH IT. PRECISELY, THIS SUPPORTS THE RAMOS CASE. ALL RIGHT, WHAT I WILL TELL THEM AS FOLLOWS: THE GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE HAS THE POWER TO COMMUTE BOTH A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE AND DEATH. BUT IT WILL BE A VIOLATION OF THE JUROR'S DUTY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH COMMUTATION IN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE. ALL RIGHT? 8F 

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         MR. BARENS: YES, SIR.
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         MR. WAPNER: THAT'S FINE.
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          THE COURT: THEREFORE, THAT WOULD ANSWER BOTH QUESTIONS,
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     WOULDN'T IT?
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         MR. BARENS: YES. DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT FROM THE
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     BENCH OR SEND THEM A NOTE?
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         MR. WAPNER: NO. I THINK IT SHOULD BE DONE FROM THE
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     BENCH.
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          THE COURT: SURE, I INTEND TO DO IT THERE. THE
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     DEFENDANT IS OUT THERE. WE'LL GO OUT THERE.
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         MR. BARENS: ALL RIGHT. I WILL GO OUT TO SPEAK TO
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     HIM.
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          THE COURT: I TOLD YOU THAT I ALREADY CONTINUED THE
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     OTHER MATTER.
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          MR. BARENS: THANK YOU.
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                  (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD
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                  IN OPEN COURT IN THE PRESENCE AND
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                  HEARING OF THE JURY:)
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          THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND
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     GENTLEMEN. I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE FROM YOUR FOREMAN,
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     DR. JANUS:
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                         "WE THE JURY IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED
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          ACTION REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ANSWER:
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                         "1: IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED
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          TO LIFE WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE, CAN THIS
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          EVER BE CHANGED FOR ANY REASON?
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                         "2: IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED
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          TO DEATH, CAN THIS SENTENCE BE CHANGED AT SOME
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FUTURE TIME TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE?"

THE COURT: THE ANSWER IS FURNISHED BY A CASE OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT AND THIS IS IN ANSWER TO BOTH.

AND THAT CASE INDICATES THAT THE JURY SHOULD

BE INSTRUCTED THAT THE GOVERNOR'S COMMUTATION POWER APPLIES

TO BOTH SENTENCES, THAT IS, LIFE WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF

PAROLE AND THE PENALTY OF DEATH IN THE GAS CHAMBER. BUT

IT IS INDICATED HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT IT WOULD

BE A VIOLATION OF THE JURORS' DUTY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY

OF SUCH COMMUTATION IN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE.

SO YOU BETTER CONSIDER IT ON THE FACTS AND NOT BECAUSE THERE MIGHT BE SOME POSSIBILITY ONE OR TWO OF THE SENTENCES MIGHT BE COMMUTED BY THE GOVERNOR. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

(THE JURORS ANSWER IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.)

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU MAY RESUME YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

(THE JURY EXITS THE COURTROOM TO RESUME DELIBERATIONS.)

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    SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA; THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1987; 3:55 P.M.
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                                  HON. LAURENCE J. RITTENBAND, JUDGE
    DEPARTMENT C
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                  (APPEARANCES AS NOTED ON TITLE PAGE
                  EXCEPT MR. CHIER IS NOT PRESENT.)
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         THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, HAVE
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    YOU REACHED A DECISION IN THIS CASE?
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         THE FOREPERSON: YES, WE HAVE, YOUR HONOR.
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         THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR, WILL YOU PLEASE HAND
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    YOUR DECISION TO THE BAILIFF?
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                  (THE FOREPERSON COMPLIES.)
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         THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WILL YOU READ THE VERDICT, PLEASE?
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                         "TITLE OF COURT AND CAUSE:
         THE CLERK:
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                         "WE, THE JURY IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED
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         ACTION, HAVING FOUND THE DEFENDANT, JOE HUNT,
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         GUILTY OF MURDER AND HAVING CONSIDERED ALL OF THE
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         EVIDENCE ON THE PENALTY PHASE OF THE TRIAL, HEREBY
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         FIX THE PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED ON THE DEFENDANT
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         AS LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
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         PAROLE.
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                         "THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 1987.
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                         "JUEL JANIS, FOREMAN."
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                  LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, IS THIS YOUR
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    VERDICT, SO SAY YOU ALL?
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                  (THE JURORS ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY IN
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                  CHORUS.)
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         THE COURT: DO YOU DESIRE TO HAVE THE JURY POLLED?
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MR. BARENS: YES, YOUR HONOR.

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THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, WILL YOU POLL THE JURY, PLEASE?
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         THE CLERK: AS I CALL YOUR NAME, WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL
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    ME IF THIS IS YOUR VERDICT?
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                 MRS. KEENAN?
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         JUROR KEENAN: YES.
         THE CLERK: MS. KING?
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         JUROR KING: YES.
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         THE CLERK: MS. SHELBY?
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         JUROR SHELBY: YES.
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         THE CLERK: MS. ROBLES?
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          JUROR ROBLES: YES.
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         THE CLERK: DR. JANIS?
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          THE FOREPERSON: YES.
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         THE CLERK: MS. OSBORNE?
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          JUROR OSBORNE: YES.
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          THE CLERK: MRS. BURNS?
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          JUROR BURNS: YES.
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          THE CLERK: MS. GHAEMMAGHAMI?
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          JUROR GHAEMMAGHAMI: YES.
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          THE CLERK: MIS MICKELL?
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          JUROR MICKELL: YES.
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          THE CLERK: MS. DEEG?
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          JUROR DEEG: YES.
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          THE CLERK: MS. GRALINSKI?
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          JUROR GRALINSKI: YES.
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          THE CLERK: MR. RUTHERFORD?
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          JUROR RUTHERFORD: YES.
          THE COURT: THE CLERK IS INSTRUCTED TO RECORD THE VERDICT
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THE COURT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, I WISH 10 1 TO EXPRESS MY DEEP THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES IN THIS 2 CASE. IN MY 26 YEARS ON THE BENCH, I CAN'T REMEMBER A JURY 3 WHICH HAS SO INTELLIGENTLY DISCHARGED ITS DUTIES AND EXHIBITED SUCH DEDICATION TO ITS TASK IN SEARCHING OUT THE TRUTH AND 5 THE COURAGE IN REACHING A DIFFICULT DECISION AS YOU WERE ALL 6 CALLED UPON TO MAKE. 7 WHILE SOMETIMES MY FAITH IN THE JURY SYSTEM IS 8 FAULTY, IT HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETELY RESTORED BY YOU. YOU ARE 9 DISCHARGED WITH MY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. 10 IF YOU DESIRE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE MEDIA YOU 11 ARE AT LIBERTY TO DO SO. THANK YOU AGAIN. 12 THE MATTER OF THE PROBATION REPORT WILL BE SET 13 IN THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY. 14 MR. BARENS: THAT DATE YOUR HONOR IS WHAT? 15 THE COURT: THREE WEEKS FROM TOMORROW. WILL THAT BE 16 ALL RIGHT? 17 MR. BARENS: THAT WOULD BE WHAT DAY? 18 THE COURT: THE 26TH OF JUNE. 19 MR. BARENS: I HAVE FEDERAL COURT THAT DAY. COULD WE 20 HAVE A WEEK LATER? 21 THE COURT: WITHIN THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY. 22 MR. BARENS: HOW ABOUT THURSDAY THE 25TH? 23 24 THE COURT: FINE. ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL BE THURSDAY 25 THE 25TH OF JUNE. MR. BARENS: IS THAT AT 10:30? 26

THE COURT: NO, 10 O'CLOCK.

(AT 4 P.M. AN ADJOURNMENT WAS TAKEN

UNTIL THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1987, AT 10 A.M.)

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MAN, WHO WAS COT DOWN IN THE PRIME OF HIS LIFE.	α.
OOK TOREE SONS. HE WAS A SENSITIVE,	
THE DIED TERROR CONS. THE WAS A SENSITIVE LOWING	<b>J</b>
MR. LEVIN: RONALD LEVIN WAS THE OLDEST OF MY THREE	26
THE COURT: ALL RIGHT, MR. LEVIN.	25
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(MARTIN LEVIN STEPS FORWARD AND TAKES THE STAND.)	23
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YOU MAY MAKE YOUR STATEMENT.	21
THE COURT: NO. HE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE SWORN. BUT	20
MR. WAPNER: DO YOU WANT TO HAVE MR. LEVIN SWORN?	19
THE COURT: STEP FORWARD PLEASE.	18
MR. WAPNER: YES.	17
VICTIM'S FAMILY HERE, THAT DESIRE TO BE HEARD. IS THERE?	16
THE COURT: I BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME MEMBERS OF THE	15
MR. BARENS: NO LEGAL CAUSE.	14
NOT NOW BE PRONOUNCED?	13
IS THERE ANY LEGAL CAUSE WHY JUDGMENT SHOULD	12
CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE PROBATION OFFICER.	11
THE COURT: LET THE RECORD SHOW THE COURT READ AND	10
MR. BARENS: YES, YOUR HONOR.	9
WAIVE FORMAL ARRAIGNMENT FOR JUDGMENT?	8
THE COURT: PEOPLE VERSUS HUNT. ALL RIGHT. DO YOU	7
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APPEARANCES: (AS HERETOFORE NOTED.)	4
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9:45 A.M.	2
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA; MONDAY, JULY 6, 1987;	۳

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2	SOMETIMES I TELL HER ONE THING. SOMETIMES 1
ω	TELL HER ANOTHER THING. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS.
4	ALL I KNOW 15, I HAVE ANGER AND CONTEMPT FOR THIS MAN THAT
UI	KILLED MY SON OUR SON.
6	AND I JUST HOPE THAT HE JUST STAYS IN PRISON
7	THE REST OF HIS LIFE AND THAT HE JUST FEELS THE THINGS
တ	THAT WE FEEL.
9	I WANT TO THANK THE COURTS FOR THE FAIRNESS
0	AND FOR BEING ABLE TO LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE AND COME UP
<u>`</u> —	WITH THE DECISION THAT THEY CAME UP WITH.
2	I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY, SIR.
ω	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
.4	PERHAPS AS EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL OF THE JURORS
G	AFTER THE PENALTY PHASE VERDICT, IT WILL BE A GREATER
6	PUNISHMENT FOR YOU, MR. HUNT, TO BE CONFINED TO STATE
.7	PRISON FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, RATHER THAN SUFFER THE
ω	DEATH PENALTY, WHICH COULD ALSO HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY
.9	IMPOSED.
0	ACCORDING TO THE PROBATION REPORT, YOU
ï	CONTINUE TO PROTEST YOUR INNOCENCE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT
2	THE JURY HAS FOUND BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT THAT YOU
ω	MURDERED RON LEVIN AND PARTICIPATED IN CAUSING THE DEATH
42	OF HEDAYAT ESLAMINIA.
5	I AM AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND ANOTHER
<u>.</u>	STATEMENT THAT YOU MADE TO THE PROBATION OFFICER. YOU
27	STATED TO HIM, "I WANTED TO TAKE THE STAND AND EXPLAIN
Ω	MYSELF. I HAD PREPARED ONE HUNDRED PAGES OF SINGLE-SPACED

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TYPEWRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR MY ATTORNEY TO ASK ME."

YOUR MEMORY MUST BE A SHORT ONE. PRIOR TO

THE DEFENSE HAVING RESTED, I EXPRESSLY ASKED YOU WHETHER

YOU WANTED TO TESTIFY IN YOUR OWN DEFENSE OR DESIRED TO

WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO DO SO.

YOU THEN CATEGORICALLY DECLINED TO TESTIFY

AND DID EXPRESSLY WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO DO SO.

WE ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN HEARING
YOUR EXPLANATION OF THE SEVEN YELLOW PAGES OF NOTES YOU
MADE, WHICH THE PROSECUTION CHARACTERIZED AS A RECIPE FOR
MURDER AND THE POSSESSION BY PITTMAN AT THE PLAZA HOTEL IN
NEW YORK, OF RON LEVIN'S CREDIT CARDS AND PITTMAN POSING
AS LEVIN TO ESTABLISH AS A FACT, THE FICTION THAT LEVIN
WAS IN NEW YORK, RATHER THAN IN A GRAVE IN SOLEDAD CANYON.

IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE OF YOUR GUILT AND OF THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES ADDUCED AT THE PENALTY PHASE OF TRIAL, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VERDICT OF THE JURY, I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO STATE PRISON FOR LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.

## ANYTHING FURTHER?

MR. WAPNER: NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE PEOPLE, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. 1 DON'T THINK IT IS

NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE SENTENCE, TO INDICATE HOW MANY

DAYS HE IS ENTITLED TO, CREDIT.

ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

(AT 10:00 A.M. PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.)

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     AKA JOSEPH HENRY GAMSKY,
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                                   DEFENDANT.
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     STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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     COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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            I, ROSEMARIE GOODBODY, OFFICIAL REPORTER OF THE SUPERIOR
     COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
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     DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING PAGES, 1 THROUGH 15412,
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