

No. \_\_\_\_\_

18-9285

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ORIGINAL

DEAN A. SCHWARTZMILLER — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

vs.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA — RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

Supreme Court of the State of California  
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

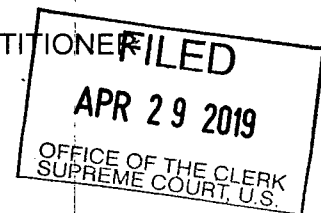
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

Is California Penal Code § 288 void for vagueness and overbreadth and contrary to the First, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution on the following basis:

(1) Section 288(a) as interpreted by the Courts of California contains no definitive actus reus, is void for vagueness and overbreadth, and violates the Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution;

(2) The California Supreme Court's addition to Section 288(a) of "any touching" however slight of a minor or child even if the "touching" is an "outwardly innocuous, or inoffensive showing of expression or loving association such as being routinely "cuddled, disrobed, stroked, examined, or groomed" necessary for a healthy upbringing, is subjectively determined by police, prosecutors, judges, or juries to violate Section 288(a) and is a violation of the First, and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution;

(3) California Penal Code § 288(a) as applied and construed at Petitioner's criminal trial, created a presumption of specific intent that "Actually...is not required", thus, eliminating the mens rea that supposedly flows from the "any touching" act as added to the statute in 1995 by California Supreme Court activism and fiat and is a violation of the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution;

(4) California Penal Code § 288(a) denies equal protection of the laws by creating an arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable classification of post-pubescent minors, when the pubescent minor is capable of being prosecuted for committing the same "any touching" acts by the State, but then denies evidence that the pubescent minor's aggression and/or consent caused the "any touching" acts to occur in violation of the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution.

SECOND QUESTION

Can California's Legislature after a criminal conviction, simply change a defendant's prior crimes for which he is serving a sentence, from non-violent Section 288(a) to violent Section 288(b), without trial or proof of violence required for the purpose of imposing further, or to avoid the lessening of punishments already imposed, with the stroke of a pen by adding non-violent Penal Code § 288(a) to the penalty enhancement statutes §§ 667.61(c)(7) (1998), and 667.5(c)(6) & (16)

1 QUESTION(S) PRESENTED (cont.)

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3 (2006), by bill of attainder eliminating the Sixth and Four-  
4 teenth Amendments' requirement of proof beyond a reasonable  
5 doubt, by violating Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the  
6 United States Constitution?  
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## LIST OF PARTIES

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Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

**OPINIONS BELOW**

☐ For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix D to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at 752 F.2d 1341 (9th Cir. 1984); or,  
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
☐ is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix E to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at 567 F.Supp. 1371 (D.Id. 1983); or,  
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
☐ is unpublished.

☐ For cases from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix A to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
☒ is unpublished.

The opinion of the 6th District appellate Court Cal. appears at Appendix B to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
☒ is unpublished.

The opinion of the Santa Clara County Superior Court appears at Appendix C to the petition and is

☒ is unpublished.

## JURISDICTION

☐ For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was August 10, 1984.

☒ No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

☐ A timely petition for rehearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No. A \_\_\_\_\_.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1254(1).

☒ For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was March 27, 2019.  
A copy of that decision appears at Appendix A \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No. A \_\_\_\_\_.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1257(a).

## CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

### CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1: Congress shall make no law respecting...abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition for redress of grievances.

AMENDMENT VI: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of Counsel for his defence.

AMENDMENT XIV: 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

California Penal Code § 288: (a) Any person who willfully and lewdly commits any lewd or lascivious act...upon or with the body or any part or member thereof of a child who is under the age of 14 years, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of the person, or the child is guilty of a felony....

Idaho Code § 18-6607: Any person who shall willfully and lewdly commit any lewd or lascivious act or acts upon or with the body or any part or member thereof of a minor or child under the age of sixteen (16) years, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of the person, or of such minor or child, shall be guilty of a felony....

1 STATEMENT OF THE CASE

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3 In 2015, in Johnson v. United States, 135 S.Ct. 2551, 2561, and  
4 again in 2018, in Sessions v. Dimaya, 584 U.S. \_\_\_, Slip Op. \*9 n.3,  
5 this Honorable Supreme Court solidified the fact that when review-  
6 ing a statute for vagueness or overbreadth, "It seems to us that the  
7 dissent's supposed requirement of vagueness in all applications is  
8 not a requirement at all, but a tautology": If we hold a statute  
9 to be vague, it is vague in all of its applications (and never mind  
10 the reality)."

11 In denying this Petitioner's habeas corpus applications to them,  
12 the California Courts, or more specifically, the Superior Court for  
13 Santa Clara County, People v. Schwartzmiller, Case No. CC594684 in  
14 June, 2006, and in, In re Schwartzmiller, Case No. CC594684, on June  
15 15, 2018, denied Petitioner's request to void ab initio California  
16 Penal Code section 288 (lewd and lascivious conduct with a child),  
17 because "Petitioner's present sentence is based on his multiple  
18 convictions for what he personally and individually did on [those]  
19 occasions." Joint Appendix JA C at 3. 1/  
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21 1/ The Superior Court of Santa Clara County was the only California Court to  
22 even peripherally consider the issues of vagueness and overbreadth of Section  
23 288 of the Penal Code in the state courts. Both the Appellate Court [Joint App-  
24 endix JA B], and the Supreme Court [JA A], issued 'postcard denials', completely  
25 ignoring both Federal Court decisions in Schwartzmiller v. Gardner, 567 F.Supp.  
26 1371 (D. Id. 1983), reversed in part, 752 F.2d 1341 (9th Cir. 1984), and the void  
27 for vagueness legal conclusions contained not only in Johnson and Sessions cited  
28 to above, but also, Kolender v. Lawson, 461 U.S. 352, 358 n.8 (1982), a decision  
telling California it should know better.

1 This of course, is obtained from Parker v. Levy's [417 U.S. 733  
2 758 (1974)], "tautology" that "one to whose conduct a statute clearly  
3 applies may not successfully challenge it for vagueness." The Sup-  
4 erior Court's alluding to Parker obviously rejected the cited opin-  
5 ion of Schwartzmiller v. Gardner at 1382, where the Federal Dist-  
6 rict Court "concludes that the plain language of [the lewd and las-  
7 civious statute] is unconstitutionally vague on its face." reversed  
8 in part, 752 F.2d 1341, 1346-47 (9th Cir. 1984)(concluding that "The  
9 Supreme Court has recognized that a party has standing to challenge  
10 a statute facially despite the ordinary rule against facial statutory  
11 review, [only], if "no standard of conduct is specified at all...  
12 [Parker, supra]...that is, if the statute "is impermissibly vague  
13 in all of its applications." JA D at 1346-47.

14 Thus the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected this Supreme  
15 Court's decision made just one-year earlier in Kolender v. Lawson,  
16 461 U.S. 352, 358 n.8 (1982). Note 8 of Kolender's 7 to 2 decision,  
17 concludes:

18 However, in the dissent's view one may not confuse vagueness and  
19 overbreadth by attacking the enactment as being vague as applied  
20 to conduct other than his own...but we have traditionally viewed  
21 vagueness and overbreadth as logically related and similar doc-  
22 trines. No authority cited by the dissent supports its argument  
23 about facial challenges in the arbitrary enforcement context. The  
24 dissent relies heavily on Parker v. Levy, 417 U.S. 733 (1974), but  
25 in that case we deliberately applied a less stringent vagueness  
26 analysis "[because] of the factors differentiating military society  
27 from civilian society." Id. at 756. Hoffman Estates, supra, also  
28 relied upon by the dissent, does not support its position. In  
addition to reaffirming the validity of facial challenges in situ-  
ations where free speech or free association are affected..., the  
Court emphasized that the ordinance in Hoffman Estates, "simply  
regulates a less strict vagueness test because its subject matter  
is often more narrow.... Id. at 358.

1 The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Gardner at 1346-47, cites  
2 to the same Hoffman Estates case at the same page, 494, to dispel  
3 the above rejection of the dissent's reliance on Parker v. Levy, to  
4 reject Petitioner's claim of facial vagueness. It concludes:

5 ...it appears that Kolender presented a unique fact situation and  
6 that facial vagueness review may still be appropriate only when "the  
7 enactment is impermissibly vague in all of its applications." Hoff-  
8 man Estates at 495. Kolender expands the availability of facial  
vagueness review, however, it does so only if the challenger at least  
demonstrates implication of a "substantial amount of constitutionally  
protected conduct." Id. at 494.

9 Again, recently addressing this exact issue, Justice Scalia  
10 laid this argument to rest for good by concluding with 5 other Jus-  
11 tices, in Johnson v. United States, 135 S.Ct. at 2561, that:

12 In all events, although statements in some of our holdings squarely  
13 contradict the theory that a vague provision is constitutional merely  
14 because there is some conduct that clearly falls within the prov-  
ision's grasp. Id. at 2560-61. (emphasis in original).

15 Resisting the force of these decisions, the dissent insists that "a  
16 statute is void for vagueness only if it is vague in all its appli-  
17 cations...It seems to us that the dissents supposed requirement of  
vagueness in all applications is not a requirement at all, but a  
tautology: If we hold a statute to be vague, it is vague in all its  
applications (and never mind the reality). Id. at 2561.

18 This was directly argued to the California Superior court prior  
19 to Petitioner's trial in 2006 [Memorandum in Support at 3, 4, & 5  
20 n.1], and again, in his 2018 Memorandum or Petition for habeas cor-  
21 pus relief after this Court's decisions in Johnson and Dimaya,  
22 in combination with Gardner, all of which were rejected, without any  
23 comment to them by the Superior or any other state California Court.  
24 See, JA A; JA B; and JA C.

25 The Idaho Lewd and Lascivious conduct statute, § 18-6607, add-  
26 ressed in Gardner, read:

1 Any person who shall willfully and lewdly commit any lewd or lasciv-  
2 ious act or acts upon or with the body or any part or member thereof  
3 of a minor or child under the age of sixteen (16) years, with the  
4 intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions,  
5 or sexual desires of said person or of such minor or child, shall  
6 be guilty of a felony.... Gardner at 1374.

7 The California Lewd and Lascivious conduct statute, Penal Code  
8 § 288 addressed in, In re Schwartzmiller, reads:

9 (a) Any person who willfully and lewdly commits any lewd and lasciv-  
10 ious act...upon or with the body or any part or member thereof of a  
11 child who is under the age of 14 years, with the intent of arousing,  
12 appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of  
13 the person, or the child is guilty of a felony....

14 In Gardner, Senior District Court Judge, Ray McNichols deter-  
15 mined that to judge this statute's vagueness,

16 The Court's first inquiry is whether the term "lewd" or "lascivious"  
17 have well defined, generally accepted meanings. If these terms have  
18 meanings of general import, this court is unaware of what they are.  
19 Schwartzmiller v. Gardner, 567 F.Supp. at 1376.

20 The California Supreme Court also struggling to define this  
21 term [lewd], in 1979, in Pryor v. Munciple Court of Los Angeles,  
22 23 Cal.3d 238, 247, "observed that all definitions of that term in  
23 ordinary usage are subjective dependent upon the speaker's social,  
24 moral, and cultural bias'...lewd implies a sexual act." Cf. People  
25 Stouter, 142 Cal. 146, 151 (1904)("A person might in law, be guilty  
26 of an attempt to commit the crime defined in section 288. A licen-  
27 tious act is not itself a crime under the section."). Cf. In re  
28 Smith, 7 Cal.3d 362, 366 (1972).

29 In 1995, however, this same Supreme Court reconstructed section  
30 288 in its entirety without Legislative input, by observing while  
31 including non-sexual conduct within its purview:

1 For almost a Century, section 288 has been interpreted to require no  
2 particular form of physical contact...The crime occurs...[if] an under  
3 age child was "touched" with the requisite sexual intent. People v.  
Martinez, 11 Cal.4th 434, 438 (1995)(emphasis mine).

4 But this specific intent requirement alluded to above, also  
5 "requires no particular form of physical contact."

6 The Gardner Court specifically confronted the statute's, or  
7 Court's reliance on said "sexual intent" thus:

8 The Court is also unpersuaded by the statute's requirement of spec-  
9 ific intent. The statute outlaws only such lewd and lascivious acts  
10 as are committed with the intent to arouse, appeal, or gratify lust,  
11 passions or sexual desires. In Evans, the Idaho Court states, "The  
12 forbidden acts and conduct are further limited and defined by the  
13 specific intent required by the statute." Evans, 73 Idaho at 57.  
14 This statement is misleading at best, begs the question at least, and  
is not supported by a close reading of the statute. The specific  
intent language in no way further "defines" the forbidden acts. And  
while it limits the statute's focus to lewd and lascivious acts com-  
mitted with the requisite intent, it does not clarify what ACTS are  
proscribed and does not purport to. It simply adds a necessary ele-  
ment of specific intent. Gardner at 1376-77. (emphasis in original).

15 In doing so, the Martinez Court rejected the long-standing and  
16 correct view that no statutory violation occurs unless the [unde-  
17 fined] act is both sexually motivated [lewdly committed], and a  
18 lewd or lascivious sexual act. Cf. United States v. Arvin, 900 F.2d  
19 1385 (9th Cir. 1990)("Lascivious is no different in its meaning than  
20 "lewd", both mean sexually explicit conduct."). And,

21 It is a familiar 'maxim that a statutory term is generally presumed  
22 to have its common law meaning...'. Or, as Justice Frankfurter  
23 advised, "if a word is obviously transplanted from another legal  
24 source, whether the common law or other legislation, it brings the  
old soil with it." F. Frankfurter, Reflections On The Reading Of  
Statutes, 47 Col.Law Rev. 527-537 (1967). United States v. Evans,  
504 U.S. 255, 260 and n.3 (1990).

25 But yet, on the substantive side, no one who had looked, had  
26 specifically defined exactly what ACTS these two aforementioned  
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1 criminal statutes carrying life in prison sentences were, or are,  
2 most importantly neither the California, nor Idaho Legislatures.  
3 See, Gardner, 567 F.Supp. at 1379 (referring to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2253).

4 The most basic of due process's customary practice is the  
5 demand of fair notice. Connally v. General Const. Co., 269 U.S.  
6 383, 391 (1926). But all of the California rulings above from its  
7 various courts, admit that section 288 prohibits only "subjective"  
8 not objective, or substantive sexual acts that are undefined not  
9 only for its administration by judges, prosecutors, police and  
10 juries, but also, the defendant. Contra, Sessions v. Dimaya, supra  
11 Slip Op. at \* 5 & 6, n.1 (Gorsuch, J. Concurring). In fact, the  
12 California Supreme Court has declared that the "perpetrator must  
13 possess a subjectively sexual intent, but need not engage in an  
14 objectively sexual act.", People v. Murphy, 25 Cal.4th 136, 143 (20-  
15 01)(Penal Code § 288 includes as possible violations the routine  
16 "cuddl[ing], disrob[ing], strok[ing], examin[ing], and groom[ing],  
17 of any child within its scope, even if some observers might dis-  
18 agree."). Martinez, at 450; Lopez at 290-91; Murphy at 146.

19 For example, a lewdly intended embrace innocently and warmly received  
20 by a child might violate section 288...if a normal person would not  
21 unhesitatingly find the embrace irritating or disturbing. Physical  
22 affection among relatives generally considered acceptable conduct,  
23 nonetheless could satisfy the "any touching" aspect of section 288  
24 subdivision (a), and violate that section if accompanied by the req-  
25 uisite lewd intent. People v. Lopez, 19 Cal.4th 281, 290-91.(1998).

26 As if this First Amendment violation of expression and/or  
27 association were not enough, the California Courts and Legislature  
28 then used this ruling to overturn old, or write new, rules of  
evidence procedure that "undermine[d] the fundamental fairness of

1 [section 288 trials and sentences] 'that seriously diminished the  
2 likelihood of obtaining [an] accurate conviction[s]." Teague v. Lane,  
3 489 U.S. 288, 312-13 (1989), such as:

- 4 1. Allowing unsimilar propensity evidence from unsimilar alleged victims  
5 from more than 40 years ago at trials that need be proved by a simple pre-  
ponderance of evidence burden of proof; but see, Federal Evi. Code 414(d);
- 6 2. Pleading no dates or facts or circumstances certain of alleged crimes by  
7 removing all alibi defenses from any defendant, People v. Jones, 51 Cal.3d  
8 292 (1990); but see, Sessions v. Dimaya, Slip Op. at 1-19 (Gorsuch Concurr-  
ing) (April 17, 2018) (plurality opinion).
- 9 3. Using multiple testimonial hearsay evidence cumulatively at all sec-  
10 tion 288 trials where no physical, psychological, or medical evidence is  
11 available for use by it, Cal. Evidence Code § 1236, declared void in 1969  
in People v. Washington, 71 Cal.2d 1063; accord, Crawford v. Washington,  
541 U.S. 36 (2004);
- 12 4. Using 'pretext' or control phone calls initiated by police without  
13 warrant or other authority to also transcribe and use at trial as non-  
14 hearsay testimony in the State's case-in-chief, but see, Cal. Penal Codes  
15 §§ 630 et.seq, section 632 subdivisions (a), (b) and (d); and see, 18 U.S.C.  
16 §§ 2511 and 2516;
- 17 5. Allowing "comfort" dogs and victim "advocates" to sit by the alleged  
victims while testifying and walking around the courthouse in the jury's  
view solely to evoke undue empathy (and accompanying prejudice) for alleged  
victims and provide a fundamentally unfair criminal trial for defendant;  
Contra 14th Amendment U.S. Const.

18 Such procedural rules are highlighted by cases such as People  
19 v. Jones, supra, where the California Supreme Court broke all Due  
20 Process Clause precedent by relying on a defendant's ability to  
21 make a Motion to Elect when it concluded that section 288 defendants  
22 do not need to know what date(s) each individual count charged is  
23 supposed to have occurred on, generic is okay. But when this Pet-  
24 itioner made a Motion to Elect, the trial court simply ignored it.

25 By just pleading "any touching", also generic, of the Child,  
26 or what the facts or circumstances of the "any touching" acts were  
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1 composed of that allegedly violated the statute, the state provides  
2 no Notice to anyone. This way, no one knew ahead of time what  
3 anyone was going to say it was that you had done and it could be  
4 changed or altered during trial at will. No dates, no alibi defense,  
5 no facts and circumstances, no prepared defense with physical,  
6 psychological, or medical evidence is possible while the People are  
7 allowed to prove its case with corroboration from an uninhibited  
8 multitude of testimonial and cumulative hearsay evidence.

9 In 1994, the same California Supreme Court in People v. Scott,  
10 9 Cal.4th 331, determined that one continuous same time, same vic-  
11 tim, same place, act could result in numerous separate counts of  
12 section 288(a) "any touching" crime(s) by simply moving your hand,  
13 or mouth from one area to another, to another, then the Court in-  
14 structs that "The People have presented evidence of more than one  
15 act to prove that the defendant committed these offenses." CALCRIM  
16 3501, JA I, which of course is a more than ludicrous assertion, for  
17 adding more counts to any indictment or information proves nothing,  
18 except the prosecutor is probably vindictive.<sup>1/</sup>

19 But most importantly of all, California by jury instruction  
20 has eliminated the necessity of proving two (2) essential elements  
21 of the crime: 1) That any lewdly committed lewd or lascivious or  
22 sex act was committed by any defendant, or proving an actus reus  
23 outside of "any touching" of a minor has occurred, CALCRIM 1110,  
24 JA G; then, 2) ultimately eliminated having to prove any specific  
25 intent included in the statute after having instructed the jury that  
26 it is a necessary element for proof to find guilt, but CALCRIM 1110  
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1 then uninstructs the jury, by telling it "Actually, arousing, app-  
2 ealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of  
3 the perpetrator or the child is not required for lewd or lascivious  
4 conduct." Id. Thereby eliminating the mens rea requirement from  
5 having to be proved by the People along with no proof of a lewd or las-  
6 civious act being "lewdly" not just "willfully" committed, See JA G.

7       Petitioner respectfully submits there are more actually inno-  
8 cent section 288(a) offenders imprisoned by California than there  
9 are innocent prisoners in all other 49 states. Why? Because in  
10 1996, when all of this commenced along with sexually violent pred-  
11 ator acts that do not require a repeat, or violent, or predatory  
12 offender, or even in California, a "sexual offender", the Antiter-  
13 rorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA) was enacted by Cong-  
14 ress and signed by President Clinton, that immediately stopped most  
15 State court prisoner Federal Habeas Corpus litigation from being  
16 entertained by the Federal Courts. Once California State Courts  
17 figured this out, they used, and are using AEDPA literally as a  
18 license to kill and keep the huge prison complexes (36 of them in  
19 California alone), full. Brown v. Plata, 131 S.Ct. 1910 (2011),  
20 affirmed, 134 S.Ct. 1 (2013).

21       In California, if charged with a section 288(a) violation,  
22 you are presumed guilty until you submit proof beyond a reasonable  
23 doubt you are truly innocent, and even then, this may not result in  
24 a finding of innocence. Penal Code Section 288(a):

25               Belongs to that class of offenses of which it has often been said  
26               that the charge is easy to make and hard to disprove. In such  
27               cases jurors are sometimes moved by abhorance of the offense to

1 convict upon slight evidence, and on appeal, a court will look  
2 closely into the conduct of the trial, and to see that there was  
3 some substantial evidence to warrant a verdict of guilty. People  
v. Stouter, 142 Cal. 146, 147 (1904).

4 In summation of this Case Statement, perhaps this Honorable  
5 Supreme Court would rather consider a Grant of this prayed for  
6 Certiorari, Vacating the judgments below, and Remanding this matter  
7 to either the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, or the California  
8 Supreme Court, for reconsideration in light of Johnson v. United  
9 States, 135 S.Ct..2551, 2561 (2015), or Sessions v. Dimaya, 584 U.S.  
10 \_\_\_, Slip Op. at \*9 n.3, or Schwartzmiller v. Gardner, 567 F.Supp.  
11 1371 (D.Idl 1983), reversed in part, affirmed in part, 752 F.2d 1341  
12 (9th Cir. 1984), overruled by Johnson and Sessions.  
13 See, Tatum v. Arizona, 137 S.Ct. 11 (2016)(Grant, Vacate & Remand).

14 Penal Code § 288(a) is void for vagueness and overbreadth:

15 The statute's downfall is its absolute failure to list any of the acts  
16 which will subject one to its punishment. Rather, it vaguely hints of  
17 sexual overtones and terms "lewd" and "Lascivious" simply lack such  
18 well accepted, commonly understood definitions to give "sufficient  
19 warning that men may conduct themselves so as to avoid that which is  
20 forbidden". Rose v. Locke, 423 U.S. 48, 50, 46 L.Ed.2d 185, 96 S.Ct.  
21 243 (1975). Neither is this a case where the offending language is  
22 rendered more explicit because it is combined with some other more  
23 precisely defined word ["any touching"]. The Court thus concludes  
24 that the plain language of [§ 288(a)] is insufficiently definite to  
25 inform persons of ordinary intelligence what is outlawed and to pro-  
26 vide law officers, judges, and juries legally fixed standards to  
27 guide enforcement. Gardner, supra at 1376.

28 1/ 3501. Unanimity: When Generic Testimony of Offense Presented. The defendant  
is charged with Oral Copulation/Sexual Penetration with a child 13 years or Younger  
in Counts [1-10]...sometime during the Period of December 9, 1992 and May 22, 2005.

The People have presented evidence of more than one act to prove that the  
defendant committed these offenses. You may not find the defendant guilty unless:

1. You all agree that the people have proved that the defendant com-  
mitted one of these acts and you all agree on which act he committed  
for each offense charged;....

## REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

It is respectfully submitted that Penal Code Section 288 is void for vagueness and overbreadth as currently construed by the California Supreme Court. This criminal provision as being used has resulted in the conviction of innumerable innocent men, women and children (yes children) in California. Cf. In re Randy S., 76 Cal.App.4th 400 (1999)(11 year-old boy may, and did, manifest the intent to commit Section 288(a) sexual act(s) to find guilt.); People v. Pitts, 223 Cal.App.3d 110 (1990)(the drinking of urine by boys is a lewd act, no touching of the boys was necessary because urine came from their bodies.). But see, Pitts v. Kern County, 17 Cal.4th 340, 346 (1998)(All testimony by the boys was recanted because the State prosecutor and State psychologists had coerced their testimony.).

Penal Code § 288 is an anachronism from 1901 [stats. 1901, C. 204, p. 630, sec. 1], that the California Supreme Court does not know why, or to what purpose, has been amended by the Legislature, People v. Scott, 9 Cal.4th 331, 347 (1994)("Statute has remained largely unchanged since its enactment over a Century ago", Baxter, J.); and compare, People v. Martinez, 11 Cal.4th 434 (1995)("Section 288 has been amended more than 10 times since enacted in 1901 ...several significant changes have been made....", Baxter, J.) (emphasis supplied). However, prior to this decision in 1995, other than clarifying the wording of "in part 1 of this code" in 1933, and adding 14 and 15 year-old alleged victims in 1986 (Subdivision (c)),

1 no other significant changes had been made.

2 In the 1980's, 1990's and 2000's, California imprisoned more  
3 citizens including children, and for longer periods of time, than  
4 any other State in the Union. It has done so with Section 288(a)  
5 non-violent offenders by declaring them to be violent/non-violent  
6 criminals prone to high recidivism rates when nothing could be fur-  
7 ther from the truth, and when Section 288 subdivision (b) specifi-  
8 cally defines a violent offender for the statute's purposes, and  
9 sex offenders are not prone to recidivism as found by California  
10 Courts and Legislature, Doe v. Snyder, 834 F.3d 696 (6th Cir. 2016)  
11 (Circuit Court finds scientific evidence that refutes moralized  
12 judgments about sex offenders, specifically that they pose a unique  
13 and substantial risk of recidivism.). Cf. State v. Wein, 417 P.3d  
14 787 (Ariz. 2018)(questioning the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in  
15 McCune v. Lyle, 536 U.S. 24 (2002).

16 In 2016, California voters revealed their objection to such  
17 practices by passing Proposition 57 telling the custody officials  
18 that such offenders should be paroled or at least considered for it.  
19 Article 1, Section 32, Cal. Constitution.

20 Times have changed considerably since 1901, but still California  
21 classifies all the same and as equally harmed by non-violent sexual  
22 acts, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, heterosexual, or queer,  
23 post pubescents or "tweens", even pre-pubescent children alike  
24 regardless of their precociousness, are judged to be harmed equally  
25 and life in prison is warranted for all, as plainly exhibited in  
26 this case.

1 In California, politics are king at anyone's expense. From  
2 1997 to 2007, the California Sex Offender Management Board con-  
3 ducted a study of 3,577 sex offenders released from its prisons,  
4 of which only 3.8% were returned to custody due to a new sexual  
5 offense. At about the same time, 1994 to 1997, the United States  
6 Justice Department also conducted a study of 9,691 sex offenders  
7 released in 15 States and followed them for 3 years which revealed  
8 a reconviction rate of only 3.5%, with some States as low as 2.8%<sup>2/</sup>.

9 In 1995, the California Supreme Court went to work obliterating  
10 almost one-hundred years of clear legal precedent as related to non-  
11 violent Section 288(a) criminal conduct. People v. Martinez, 11 Cal.  
12 4th 434; People v. Lopez, 19 Cal.4th 290 (1998); and, People v.  
13 Murphy, 25 Cal.4th 136 (2001). These Courts actually adopted a  
14 split Court of Appeal's opinion that Section 288(a) included "con-  
15 structive", or no, touching of any child to violate the statute,  
16 People v. Austin, 111 Cal.3d 110 (1980). The result was the alter-  
17 ing of the range of conduct and class of persons that Section 288(a)  
18 and (b) were intended to punish. Welch v. United States, 136 S.Ct.  
19 1257,1266 (2016).

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21 2/ Despite these facts and figures, the following pre-ballot propaganda were  
22 circulated to the voters in 2006: "a) Proposition 83, the Sexual Predator Punish-  
23 ment and Control Act, "Jessica's Law". "Sex offenders have a very high recidi-  
24 vism rate. According to a 1998 report by the United States Justice Department  
(the same study referred to above), sex offenders are the least likely to be cured  
(cured of what), and the most likely to reoffend...."

25 b) "SB 1128, Alquist Sex Offender Punishment, Control and Containment Act  
26 of 2006. P.C. § 290.3(a)(1)-(a)...enhance public safety and reduce the risk of  
27 recidivism. (1) Sex offenders pose a potentially high risk of committing further  
28 sex offenses after release from incarceration or commitment and the protection of  
the public...is of paramount interest."



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3 California has taken its prosecution of alleged non-violent  
4 "child molestation" charges to the absurd in a Country that proclaims  
5 equal justice for all citizens. Its politically inspired objectively  
6 aimed Supreme Court judicial fiats and activism in reconstructing  
7 Section 288(a), have resulted in numerous violations of the United  
8 States Constitution and the conviction and prosecution of innumer-  
9 able innocent men, women, and children (yes children) upon the vague  
10 overly broad, and amorphous Section 288(a)(This "broad and amor-  
11 phous language is legislatively deliberate", Martinez at 443), that  
12 now requires only "any touching" to find guilt and proof of the  
13 statute's intent requirement is not "actually" required [CALCRIM  
14 1110]. JA G.

15 Thus, Petitioner's legal discussion will commence with this  
16 Court's admonition to California that:

17 In making its second argument, which denies the existence of signif-  
18 icant reliance interests, the dissent ignores the potentially lengthy  
19 period of time...during which the accused lacked notice that he would  
20 be prosecuted and during which he was unaware, for example, of any  
21 need to preserve evidence of innocence...Such problems can plague  
22 child abuse cases where recollections after so many years may be un-  
23 certain, and recovered memories faulty, but may nonetheless lead to  
24 prosecutions that destroy families. Regardless, a Constitutional  
25 principle must apply not only in child abuse cases, but in every  
26 Criminal case....

27 Unfair, seems to us a fair characterization. Stogner v. California,  
28 539 U.S. 607, 631-32 (2003).

29 In reviewing previous California criminal statutes, this Supreme  
30 Court has opined:

1 ...where a statute imposes criminal penalties, the stan-  
2 dard of certainty [of statute language] is higher...we  
3 have traditionally viewed vagueness and overbreadth as  
logically related and similar doctrines. Kolender v.  
Lawson, 461 U.S. 352, 358-59 n. 8 (1983).

4 To avoid this facial vagueness and overbreadth challenge to  
5 Section 288(a), the statute must clearly: 1) Define the criminal  
6 conduct with sufficient definiteness so that people can understand  
7 exactly what conduct it prohibits. Schwartzmiller v. Gardner, 567  
8 F.Supp. at 1379. But see, Martinez at 452 ("...the touching should  
9 not escape punishment simply because it might not be considered a  
10 means of sexual gratification by members of the mainstream popula-  
11 tion."); and 2) establish standards to permit police, prosecutors,  
12 judges and juries to enforce the law in a non-arbitrary, non-dis-  
13 criminatory manner, Kolender at 357, that "any touching" does not do.

14 The above quote from Martinez aside, this Supreme Court has  
15 held that the more important aspect of the vagueness doctrine "is  
16 not actual notice, but the other principal element of the doctrine--  
17 the requirement that a legislature establish minimal guidelines to  
18 govern law enforcement." Smith v. Gougen, 415 U.S. 566, 574 (1974);  
19 Johnson v. United States, 135 S.Ct. 2552, 2560-61 (2015).

20 This Court has said it must conduct its facial vagueness anal-  
21 ysis by examining statutory language as narrowed by State court  
22 decisions. Wainwright v. Stone, 414 U.S. 21, 23 (1973). A prelim-  
23 inary distinction between overbreadth and vagueness is necessary here  
24 because some discussions of overbreadth confuse these two concepts.  
25 A statute is vague if "men of common intelligence must necessarily  
26 guess at its meaning and differ to its application." Connally v.  
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1 General Const. Co., 269 U.S. 385, 391 (1926).

2 A citizen contemplating engaging in certain activity should be  
3 provided fair notice of what conduct is prohibited so he or she can  
4 avoid unwittingly engaging in criminality, Cf. City of Chicago v.  
5 Morales, 527 U.S. 41, 58 (1999)(holding municipal gang ordinance  
6 vague). Without effective limits on government officials, the state  
7 can and is running roughshod over individuals in the name of this  
8 indistinct law currently contained in the California Penal Code,  
9 Section 288(a). As construed by the Court in Martinez, the absence  
10 of any ascertainable standard of guilt in any given legal circum-  
11 stances, give police officers, prosecutors, and the trier of fact  
12 unlimited discretion to apply the law arbitrarily and discriminately,  
13 and capriciously enforce it. Smith v. Gougen, supra at 574.

14 Overbreadth on the other hand, protects against a statute that  
15 does not aim specifically at the evils within the allowable area of  
16 State control but sweeps within its ambit other constitutionally  
17 protected activities, Cf. Thornhill v. Alabama, 310 U.S. 88, 97  
18 (1939). This of course would include First Amendment conduct such as  
19 the "cuddl[ing], disrob[ing], strok[ing], examin[ing], or groom[ing]  
20 of a child". Martinez at 450; Lopez at 290-91; and Murphy at 146,  
21 (emphasis supplied).

22 Recognizing the fact that Section 288(a)'s terms "lewdly commit  
23 any lewd or lascivious act" itself is broadly indefinite, several  
24 California Courts had undertaken the task of determining just what  
25 does the term "lewdly commit any lewd or lascivious act" really mean?  
26 In 1904, just 3 years after it was enacted, the California Supreme  
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1 Court concluded that to violate Section 288, there must be committed  
2 not only a lewd or lascivious sexual act, but it must be committed  
3 on the body of the child as in the case then before it, "lewdly  
4 insert in vagina of said child a finger of him...with the intent of  
5 ...etc.", People v. Stouter, 142 Cal. 146, 147 (1904).

6 Perhaps most telling in construing the "lewdly commit any lewd  
7 or lascivious act" language, comes from California Court opinions  
8 before the Martinez decision, of what is NOT a lewdly committed lewd  
9 sexual act. Stouter, supra; People v. Webb, 158 Cal.App.2d 537  
10 (1958); People v. Jones, (Jones 2), 225 Cal.App.2d 598 (1964); In re  
11 Smith, 225 Cal.3d 362 (1972); and, Pryor v. Los Angeles Municiple  
12 Court, 25 Cal.3d 238 (1979). With these above cited cases, the term  
13 "lewdly committed lewd or lascivious act" became firmly embedded in  
14 California law as requiring "sexual activity for purposes of sexual  
15 arousal, gratification, or affront." Id. Cf. United States v.  
16 Arvin, 900 F.2d 1385 (9th Cir. 1990)("Lascivious is no different  
17 in its meaning than 'lewd', both mean 'sexually explicit conduct.'").

18 In 1979, the California Supreme Court while it still was one,  
19 again was called upon to define the term lewd as used in Penal Code  
20 § 647 in Pryor, supra. Therein, the Court firmly and candidly,

21 Observed that all definitions of that term in ordinary usage are  
22 subjective dependant upon the speaker's social, moral, and cultural  
bias'...lewd implies a sexual act. Id. at 247.

23 After this preliminary and correct conclusion, the Court under-  
24 took to constitutionally construe the statute so as not to offend the  
25 Due Process Clause(s) of the Federal and State Constitutions, and  
26 again correctly concluded:

1 ...we hold the terms "lewd" and "disolute"are synonymous (citation  
2 omitted), and refer to sexually motivated conduct. Id. at 255.

3 But now the Pryor Court knew that this was not the end to con-  
4 stitutionally construing a criminal statute:

5 The final step is to define specifically the sexually motivated  
6 conduct proscribed by the statute. Id. at 255.

7 Clearly, the statute cannot be construed to ban all sexually motiv-  
8 ated conduct, for such a sweeping prohibition would encompass much  
9 innocent and inoffensive behavior. A constitutionally specific  
10 definition must be limited to conduct of a type likely to offend.  
11 Although the varieties of sexual expression are almost infinite,  
12 virtually all such offensive conduct will involve the touching of  
13 the genitals, buttocks, or female breast for purposes of sexual  
14 arousal, gratification, or affront. (citing to In re Smith, 25 Cal.  
15 3d at 366). Pryor at 256 (emphasis supplied)

16 Under the construction we have established in this opinion, (the  
17 lewd in the statute) prohibits only the solicitation or commission  
18 of a sexual touching, done with specific intent...It does not im-  
19 pose vague and far reaching standards under which the criminality of  
20 an act depends upon the moral view of the judge or jury, does not  
21 prohibit solicitation of lawful acts and does not invite discrim-  
22 inatory enforcement, Id. at 257 (emphasis mine).

23 Today, Penal Code Section 288(a) encompasses all four of these above  
24 listed constitutional no-nos.

25 The Pryor case is irreconcilable with the totally result orien-  
26 ted and activist opinions in Martinez, Lopez and Murphy, where not  
27 one Federal case is cited as support for these opinions, while Pryor  
28 cites to 14 Federal Court opinions supporting its conclusions made  
therein.

#### 29 THE POLITICIZING OF CRIMINALITY IN CALIFORNIA

30 The political razing of a constitutionally astute Supreme Court  
31 in California by initiative in 1986, with a voter's brochure

1 containing false and misleading facts and circumstances, created vac-  
2 ancies on the Court that empowered four consecutive Republican govern-  
3 ors (including Grey Davis an impeached Democrat in name only), to  
4 appoint ultra-conservative, reactionary judges in their stead. This  
5 resulted in an extremely radical and progressive court that has  
6 greatly contributed to California's \$13-14 Billion dollar per-year  
7 corrections budget that has left the State's education and infra-  
8 structure systems in a shambles and distress.

9 At the forefront of all the regressive laws enacted in Califor-  
10 nia during this period, were those affecting non-violent alleged  
11 "child molesters" and public stigma attached thereto, an easy target  
12 not just in California, but also Nationally. In this State it was  
13 accomplished with judicial activism and fiat construction of exist-  
14 ing statutes and rules by the newly appointed, polarized members of  
15 its Supreme Court, especially as related to Section 288, all sections  
16 as concerns non-violent alleged child abuse, and the rules and pro-  
17 cedures used to prosecute these crimes. In doing so, the Federal  
18 Constitution was laid to rest, and anything and everything to assure  
19 conviction of all such charged defendants, were written by the Legis-  
20 lature, and approved, or added to, by its reactionary courts. See,  
21 People v. Frazer, 21 Cal.4th 737, 744 (1999)("Young victims often  
22 delay reporting sexual offenses because they are easily manipulated  
23 by offenders in positions of authority and trust, and because child-  
24 ren have difficulty remembering the crime or facing the trauma it  
25 can cause."). Frazer was discussing Penal Code § 803(g) that allowed  
26 prosecutions for crimes committed 50 years before its enactment, that  
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1 was voided by this Supreme Court in Stogner v. California, 539 U.S.  
2 607 (2003).

3 Even before Martinez and Lopez, in 1990, the newly constructed  
4 Supreme Court went to work, first deciding People v. Jones, 51 Cal.  
5 3d 294 (1990), where it decided that in cases prosecuting Section  
6 288(a) crimes, the State no longer had to plead or prove any facts  
7 or circumstances constituting the specific type of conduct alleged  
8 or provide any dates certain of its alleged commission, thereby  
9 eliminating the constitutionally required Notice, or to be informed of  
10 the nature and cause of the accusations, see, JA J (Information filed  
11 in Petitioner's case, no dates certain, no alleged sexual acts). At  
12 the same time eliminating the right to prepare a defense with cert-  
13 ifiable alibi evidence because no certain dates for the commission  
14 of any of the alleged counts were provided by the People, no date,  
15 no alibi defense. But see, Sessions v. Dimaya, 584 U.S. \_\_\_, Slip  
16 Op. \*1-19, concurring opinion (April 17, 2018).

17 This was accomplished by a majority of the Court over a vigorous  
18 dissent by Justices Mosk and Broussard who reminded the rest:

19 ...lewd or lascivious conduct as defined in Penal Code § 288 subdiv-  
20 ision (a) criminalizes at present only specific acts. The statute  
21 is quite clear about this, making punishable (only) any person who  
shall wilfully and lewdly commit any lewd or lascivious act. Jones  
supra (Jones 1), at 326.

22 But Jones 1 was only a precursor to what was about to come:  
23 First, was People v. Scott, 9 Cal.4th 331, 346 (1994) (one continuous  
24 act with one victim may result in the State's stacking of several  
25 arbitrarily contrived separate counts of "any touching" without any  
26 date or facts alleged that violate the statute, just exactly as

1 accomplished in this Petitioner's case. Then, as also occurred here,  
2 consecutive sentences of "life" imprisonment for de minimis non-  
3 violent conduct.

4 Then came Martinez; discussed infra; then Lopez at 289-91 ("any  
5 touching does not have to be "lewd or lascivious" touching, or offen-  
6 sive touching, and most misdemeanor sexually related acts were incor-  
7 porated by fiat into Section 288(a), including all attempts, but see  
8 People v. Stouter, supra, 142 Cal. at 151 ("a person might in law, be  
9 guilty of an attempt to commit the crime defined in Section 288,  
10 Penal Code. A mere licentious act is not itself a crime under the  
11 section. There must be such an act committed upon the body of a  
12 child under 14 years old, and there could be an attempt to commit  
13 such an act without accomplishing it.").

14 And then, came People v. Murphy, 25 Cal.4th at 145-46 ("The  
15 [288] perpetrator must possess a subjectively sexual intent, but  
16 need not engage in any objectively sexual act").

17 In all of the cases alluded to above, the California Supreme  
18 Court did not, strictly speaking, construe Section 288(a) in the  
19 sense of defining the meaning of the word "lewdly", or the phrase  
20 "lewd or lascivious act", but instead, merely recharacterized what  
21 it wanted to be the practical effect of the statute into "any touch-  
22 ing". Because of this, no Federal Court is bound by these opinions  
23 and it "may form its own judgment as to Penal Code § 288's operative  
24 effect." Wisconsin v. Mitchell, 508 U.S. 476, 478 (1993).

25  
26 THE MARTINEZ FACTS AND LAW



1 The Martinez Court specifically concluded from out of the blue:

2 For almost a Century, section 288 has been interpreted to require  
3 no particular form of physical contact...the crime occurs (if) an  
4 underage child was 'touched' with the requisite intent. Id. at  
5 438.

6 Ipso facto, the California Courts and prosecutors will determine  
7 ad hoc if "any touching" violates Section 288 subdivision (a).

8 Continuing, the Court further determined that Penal Code § 288's  
9 "broad and amorphous language" was legislatively deliberate (Id. at  
10 443), and included no particular type of act for its violation; only  
11 a person's thoughts were necessary, along with perhaps, the "cuddl-  
12 [ing], disrob[ing], strok[ing], examin[ing], or groom[ing] of a  
13 child.", Id. at 450. This, if the observer of this innocuous and  
14 inoffensive conduct subjectively thinks you may have a sexual intent.

15 The general principle that mere intention of the accused to commit  
16 a crime or his belief that he is committing a crime does not give  
17 rise to liability. Apart from the mens rea there must be some act  
18 or conduct in violation of law which itself is socially harmful. See,  
19 Perkins and Bagse, Criminal Law (3rd Ed.1982) pp. 830-31; 1 Witkin  
20 Cal. Criminal Law (2nd Ed. 1988), sec. 114, p. 135; People v. Wallace,  
21 11 Cal.App.4th 568, 580 (1990), overruled by Martinez.

22 In other words, what the California Supreme Court said in  
23 Martinez is: That its "any touching" of a child language [that need  
24 not be a lewd or lascivious or sexual act], is limited and further  
25 defined by the specific intent of the statute", Murphy at 143 n.2,  
26 but "Actually...[it] is not required for lewd or lascivious conduct",  
27 CALCRIM 1110 [JA G], that eliminated both actus reus and mens rea  
28 requirements from Section 288(a) that should be decided by the jury.

29 The State of Idaho's lewd and lascivious statute copied from  
30 California's statute was held void for vagueness on its face by the

1 Federal Court in Schwartzmiller v. Gardner, 567 F.Supp. 1371 (D.Id.  
2 1983), affirmed in part, reversed in part, 752 F.2d 1341 (9th Cir.  
3 1984), where the court found:

4       The Court is also unpersuaded by the statute's requirement of spec-  
5       ific intent. The statute outlaws only such lewd and lascivious acts  
6       as are committed with the intent to arouse, appeal to, or gratify  
7       lust, passions, or sexual desires. In Evans [73 Idaho 50 (1952)],  
8       the Idaho Court state "the forbidden acts and conduct are further  
9       limited and defined by the specific intent required by the statute."  
10       (citation omitted). This statement is misleading at best, begs the  
11       question at least, and is not supported by a close reading of the  
12       statute. The specific intent language in no way further "defines"  
13       the forbidden acts. And, while it limits the statute's focus to  
14       lewd and lascivious acts committed with the requisite intent, it  
15       does not clarify what ACTS are proscribed and does not purport to.  
16       It simply adds a constitutionally necessary element of specific  
17       intent. Schwartzmiller at 1376-77 (emphasis in original).

18       Without a specifically defined actus reus, the specific intent clause of  
19       Section 288 the California Court relies on, describes nothing. Cf.  
20       Nunez v. City of San Diego, 114 F.3d 935, 942 (9th Cir. 1997); accord  
21       Walters v. Maass, 45 F.3d 1355 (9th Cir. 1995)(no actus reus, no  
22       conviction).

23       The Martinez Court facetiously granted "review for the limited  
24       purpose of determining the acts necessary to sustain a conviction  
25       under Penal Code section 288." Id. at 438. This was regardless of  
26       the fact that California Courts had been construing the statute for  
27       almost a Century as requiring that "any person who...lewdly commits"  
28       any "lewd or lascivious act" as a sexual act upon "or with the body  
29       or part or member thereof of a child under the age of 14 years",  
30       with the "actual" specific intent to arouse or gratify either party,  
31       may be found guilty. Cf. People v. Webb, 158 Cal.App.2d 537 (1958).

32       This type of ad hoc conduct by the California Legislature and

1 Courts is exactly the reason this part of the void for vagueness  
2 doctrine developed more than 140 years ago when the High Court  
3 stated:

4 It would certainly be dangerous if the legislature could set a net  
5 large enough to catch all possible offenders, and leave it to the  
6 courts to step inside and say who could rightfully be detained and  
7 who should be set at large. This would to some extent, substitute  
8 the judicial for the legislative department of government. United  
9 States v. Reese, 2 U.S. 214, 221 (1875). Kolender v. Lawson, 461  
10 U.S. at 358 n.7.

11 With Section 288(a) as currently construed, if you just think of  
12 sexual activity while touching a minor or a child, you have violated  
13 Section 288(a). The Martinez' Court's "any touching" was:

14 ...Allowing the Legislature to hand off the job of lawmaking [that]  
15 risks substituting this design for one where legislation is made  
16 easy with a mere handful of unelected judges and prosecutors free to  
17 condemn all that [they] personally disapprove and for no better  
18 reason than [they] disapprove it. (citation omitted). Nor do judges  
19 and prosecutors act in the open and accountable forum of a legislature  
20 but in the comparatively obscure confines of cases and controversies.  
21 See, e.g., Bickel, The Least Dangerous Branch: The Supreme Court at  
22 the Bar of Politics 151 (1962) ("A vague statute delegates to adminis-  
23 trators, prosecutors, juries and judges the authority of ad hoc dec-  
24 ision, which is in its nature difficult if not impossible to hold to  
25 account, because of its narrow impact."). For just these reasons,  
26 Hamilton warned, while "liberty can have nothing to fear from the  
27 judiciary alone, "it has everything to fear from" the union of the  
28 judicial and legislative powers. the federalist No. 78 at 466. No  
doubt too, for reasons like these this court has held "that the more  
important aspect of vagueness doctrine "is not actual notice, but...  
the requirement that a legislature establish minimal guidelines to  
govern law enforcement" and keep the separate branches within their  
proper spheres. Kolender v. Lawson, supra at 358. Sessions v.  
Dimaya, 584 U.S. \_\_\_, Slip Op. at 9 (Gorsuch, J. concurring).

29 Vague penal statutes that have been reconstrued by both the  
30 legislature and the Courts like Penal Code § 288(a), defines a crim-  
31 inal offense and its punishment with insufficient definiteness so  
32 that ordinary people can understand what conduct is prohibited and  
33 what punishments prescribed, but more importantly, they encourage

1 and encompass like a glove, arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement  
2 by police, prosecutors, judges, and juries. Village of Hoffman  
3 Estates v. Flipside, 455 U.S. 489 (1982):

4 Vague laws offend several important values. First, because we  
5 assume that man is free to steer between lawful and unlawful conduct,  
6 we insist that laws give the person of ordinary intelligence a reason-  
7 able opportunity to know what is prohibited, so that he may act  
8 accordingly. Vague laws may trap the innocent by not providing fair  
9 warning. Second, if arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement is to  
10 be prevented, laws must provide explicit standards for those who  
11 apply them. A vague law impermissibly delegates basic policy matters  
12 to police, judges, and juries for resolution on an ad hoc subjective  
13 basis, with the attendant danger of arbitrary and discriminatory  
14 applications. (footnote omitted). Grayned v. City of Rockford, 408  
15 U.S. 104, 108-09 (1972). Schwartzmiller v. Gardner, 567 F.Supp. at  
16 1372-73.

17 It is respectfully submitted, that this Honorable Court should  
18 declare Penal Code § 288(a) void:

19 This criminal provision is vague not in the sense that it requires  
20 a person to conform his conduct to an imprecise but comprehensible  
21 normative standard, but rather, in the sense that no standard of  
22 conduct is specified at all. (citation omitted). Such a provision  
23 simply has no core. This absence of any ascertainable standard for  
24 inclusion and exclusion is precisely what offends the Due Process  
25 Clause. Smith v. Gougen, 415 U.S. 566, 578 (1974). See also,  
26 Papchristou v. City of Jacksonville, 405 U.S. 156, 158 (1972) ("The  
27 statute draws no distinction between conduct that is calculated to  
28 harm and that which is essentially innocent.").

The voiding of Penal Code § 288(a) will not in any way interfere with Cali-  
fornia's prosecution of such legitimate crimes one iota; for as the  
California Supreme Court has admitted:

The broad and amorphous language [of § 288(a)] was deliberate and  
that this statute differs markedly from California's constitutionally  
defined sex statutes "which are clearly specified acts against non-  
consenting victims of any age...and each such provision describes  
the criminal act in precise and clinical terms, Martinez at 443 (empha-  
sis added).

The Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the

1 United States still "requires criminal convictions to rest upon a  
2 jury determination that the defendant is guilty of every element of  
3 the crime beyond a reasonable doubt." United States v. Gaudin, 515  
4 U.S. 506, 509-10 (1995); Mulaney v. Wilbur, 421 U.S. 684, 698 (1975);  
5 In re Winship, 397 U.S. 358, 363-365 (1970). Which Amendments do not  
6 allow for a state to recharacterize the elements of its crimes in  
7 order to be able to find guilt and/or violence in 99.9 percent of all  
8 the prosecutions, then provide life in prison sentences for those  
9 unfortunately convicted.

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11 CONCLUSION

12 After the California Supreme Court had recharacterized the mean-  
13 ing of a lewdly committed lewd or lascivious sexual act in 1995, to  
14 just "any touching" however slight, as intended, everything changed.  
15 The California Courts, not Legislature, had changed the meaning of  
16 violence into any touching of a minor or child. In 1990, the Court  
17 had altered the Rules of Evidence so that no dates of the commission  
18 of any alleged crime is provided to a defendant so he can make no  
19 alibi defenses to any charges, and then the State provides by inform-  
20 ation or Indictment no circumstances of the charges being made.

21 Then, as was done in this matter, the People request, and the  
22 trial Court instructs the jury that "the touching need not be done  
23 in a lewd or sexual manner", CALCRIM 1110. This same instruction  
24 provides that for the crime of Lewd or Lascivious Act with a Child  
25 under 14 years of age "the People must prove that: the defendant  
26 committed the act with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or  
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1 gratifying the lust, passions or sexual desires of himself or the  
2 child", but then informs that: "Actually, arousing, appealing to,  
3 or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of the perpet-  
4 rator or the child is not required for lewd or lascivious conduct."  
5 JA G, CALCRIM 1110. (emphasis supplied).

6 The People were allowed to join non-cumulative alleged sexual  
7 acts in one information not only to show guilt of one as proof of the  
8 other, but that were "presented [as] evidence of more than one act  
9 to prove that the defendant committed these offenses"; CALCRIM 3501.  
10 Is this the real reason the People presented 11 counts of sexual mis-  
11 conduct to the jury? Not hardly!

12 How has any of this been accomplished? Easy. With not only  
13 the vague and overbroad language contained in Penal Code § 288(a),  
14 but also, the surely more vague and overbroad language of "any touch-  
15 ing" that had been inserted into it in 1995 by the Martinez Court,  
16 defining absolutely nothing that alluded to or required any altru-  
17 istic morally corrupt sexual act or acts committed with a child.

18 The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

19 Respectfully submitted,

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