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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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MIGUEL ROMERO, Petitioner,

v.

CALIFORNIA, Respondent.

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ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL  
SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT, DIVISION TWO

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
*IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME  
COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE HONORABLE  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE COURT:

Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, Petitioner Miguel Romero (“Petitioner”) respectfully requests leave to file a petition for writ of certiorari *in forma pauperis*. In making this application, Petitioner submits that he was represented by appointed counsel in both the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. This fact is memorialized in the attached declaration of counsel.

Dated: August 26, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Michael C. Sampson*

MICHAEL C. SAMPSON  
Attorney for Petitioner,  
Miguel Romero

### **Declaration of Michael C. Sampson**

I am an attorney licensed to practice in California. I am a member of the bar of this Court. I am the attorney of record for Petitioner Miguel Romero.

I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this declaration and if called as a witness I could and would testify competently thereto.

On November 14, 2018, Petitioner filed a notice of appeal. Subsequently, I was appointed by the California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Two, to represent Petitioner. A copy of the order of appointment is attached as Exhibit A. Pursuant to that appointment I filed pleadings on Petitioner's behalf in the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. I have remained Petitioner's counsel of record to this time.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 26th day of August, 2020, at Aptos, California.

*/s/ Michael C. Sampson*

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Attorney for Petitioner,  
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## **EXHIBIT A**

IN THE  
COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT  
DIVISION: 2

The People v. Escamilla  
Miguel Romero  
B293965  
LOS ANGELES No. BA459012

**COURT OF APPEAL – SECOND DIST.**

**FILED**

**Mar 05, 2019**

DANIEL P. POTTER, Clerk

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Deputy Clerk

THE COURT:

Pursuant to appellant's request for appointment of counsel, and under the authority of Penal Code Section 1240, subdivision (a) (1), the following attorney is appointed counsel for appellant on this appeal:

Michael Sampson

Appellant's opening brief shall be filed within thirty days from the date of this order.

Appellant is directed to keep the court informed of his/her mailing address at all times. If you move, you **MUST** notify the clerk of this court immediately; otherwise you may not receive important notices concerning your appeal.

**LUI, P.J.**

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Presiding Justice

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