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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Jorge E. Navarette Clerk/Executive Officer California Supreme Court 350 McAllister Street, Room 1295 San Francisco CA 94102 (via TrueFiling)

Re: People v. Douglas E. Dworak, Supreme Court No. 135272

Dear Mr. Naverette,

I represent appellant Mr. Dworak in the above entitled case. This Court has scheduled oral argument for May 5, 2021. This letter is to advise the Court and opposing counsel that I expect to focus my argument on (1) the erroneous exclusion of third party culpability evidence and other relevant evidence about circumstances and associates (Argument I); (2) the erroneous admission of other crimes evidence under Evidence Code section 1108 (Argument IV); and (3) the collective and cumulative prejudice of these and other evidentiary trial errors (Argument IX).

Sincerely,

Diane Nichols Attorney at Law

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Served by mail: Douglas E. Dworak, V-85905 P.O. Box 2EB85 San Quentin CA 94974 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing, including any attached pages, is true and correct and this declaration was executed at Grass Valley, California on April 28, 2021.

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