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8	<b>APPELLATE DEPARTMENT OF THE</b>	
9	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA	
10	IN AND FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	
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12	People of the State of California,	Case ##:AP001144, AP001145 & AP001146
13	Plaintiff/Respondent,	ORDER AFTER HEARING
14	vs.	OF APPEAL AND CERTIFICATION
15	Richard Quigley,	<b>OF ISSUES</b>
16	Defendant/Apellant.	FOR FURTHER APPEAL
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**ORDER AFTER HEARING OR APPEAL** AND CERTIFICATION OF ISSUES FOR FURTHER APPEAL

Order after hearing of appeal, and certification of issues for further appeal, are as follows:

In full acknowledgement of the Appellant's status as specified in the pleadings in the file, based on the record including Appellant's Final Brief on Appeal; on February 8, 2001, appeal was heard on the above-entitled case, by the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of California, in and for Santa Cruz County, upholding the decisions of the trial court in total, and certifying the case for further appeal, held as follows:

### Authority of Traffic Referee.

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The court upheld the ruling of the trial court, finding that pursuant to Government Code §72401 — which states "With respect to any infraction, he *may* have the same jurisdiction and exercise the same powers and duties as a judge of the court." (GC §72401(c) – *emphasis* added.) – that the permissive "may" establishes subject matter jurisdiction over all infraction matters, even against the will and over the objection of an accused; the provisions of Penal Code §19.7 – Except as otherwise provided by law, *all provisions of law relating to misdemeanors shall apply to infractions including*, but not limited to, powers of peace officers, *jurisdiction of courts*, periods for commencing action and for bringing a case to trial and burden of proof. (Penal Code §19d – *emphasis* added) – notwithstanding.

Clearly, the "may" instead of "shall" in CGC §72401 was put there to allow for some exception to what "shall" would otherwise require, but the record will show that neither the Respondent nor the court offered any clue as to what that might be other than a requirement for a stipulation suggested by Appellant. It remains appellant's assertion that if the Legislature had intended that in all infraction cases, a Traffic Referee would have the same jurisdiction and exercise the same powers and duties as a judge of the court, they would have written it that way in the statute.

**FIRST QUESTION CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH AP-PELLATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Does the word "may" in Government Code §72401 mean "may" – as in, under certain circumstances; or "shall" – as in under all circumstances?

**SECOND QUESTION CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPELLATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Does the permissive "may" in Government Code §72401 constitute one of the exceptions "otherwise provided by law" to the mandatory "shall" of Penal Code §19.7 as it relates

to jurisdiction of the traffic court, and a Traffic Referee assuming jurisdiction over infraction matters, without the same stipulation required in misdemeanor cases; even against the will and over the objection of an accused? (NOTE: Appellant is not even going to ask the obvious question: Does the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of California, in and for Santa Cruz County, really believe that the California Legislature is too stupid to know the difference between "shall" and "may"?)

### Sufficiency of Complaint.

Citing Vehicle Code §40513(b), which provides that a Notice to Appear, on a form approved by the California Judicial Council, and a previous ruling by the Santa Cruz County Superior Court stating that an accused is not entitled to a verified complaint, upon request, as provided by §40513(b); the trial court found the Notice to Appear, as a complaint, sufficient and overruled defendant's demur based on the grounds that it was insufficient. (There has never been a contention on the part of the prosecutor, or the court, that the complaint (citation) bears the name of the People of the State of California, in whose name this action was brought.)

The Appellate court, in upholding the decision of the lower court, held that a Notice to Appear constitutes a valid complaint which establishes jurisdiction of the trial court, even though it does not substantially conform to the provisions of Penal Code §§950 & 952, and in spite of the fact that it is not verified by the district attorney, Penal Code §§1004 and 959 notwithstanding. **QUESTION #3 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPEL-LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Do the requirements of Penal Code §1004, and the requirements of Penal Code §959, on demur, apply to a Notice to Appear when it is adopted by the trial court for the purposes of establishing jurisdiction over a criminal matter, under the authority of Vehicle Code §40513? **Exhibit "F"** 

#### Sufficiency of Complaint.

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Defendant demurred to the complaint on the grounds that it brought allegations of violations of Vehicle Code §27803(b) as an infraction complaint, rather than as a correctable violation subject to the provisions of Vehicle Code §40303.5.

The trial court overruled demur stating that violations of Vehicle Code §27803 do not involve "equipment," and are therefore not subject to the provisions of Vehicle Code §40303.5 – its placement in Division 12, and the plain language of the statutes, notwithstanding.

On appeal, the court ruled that because the provisions of Vehicle Code §40303.5 do apply to alleged violations of Vehicle Code §27803(b); one or more of the disqualifying conditions of Vehicle Code §40610(b) render the violations non-correctable – even though the defendant was never charged with having violated any provisions of 40610(b) in the charging document. The effect of this ruling is that the appellate has been found guilty, on appeal, of violating Vehicle Code §27803, on the basis of an unfounded allegation of violating one or more of the disqualifying conditions contained in Vehicle Code §40610(b), without the defendant ever being afforded the opportunity to defend against the §40610(b) allegation (which ever it is), either at trial, or on appeal.

QUESTION #4 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPEL-LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA: Do the provisions of Vehicle Code \$40303.5 apply to alleged violations of Vehicle Code \$27803(b)?
QUESTION #5 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPEL-LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA: Can the provisions of Vehicle Code \$40610(b) be applied against a defendant, by either the trial court or on appeal, when the defendant was never formally charged with the violation, and never given the opportunity to defend against the charges? **Exhibit "F"** page 5 of 9 **QUESTION #6 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPEL-LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Does an allegation of violation of Vehicle Code §27803(b) *ipso facto*, under all circumstances, include a finding of guilty relative to one or more of the disqualifying conditions of Vehicle Code §40610(b) to adherence with the mandates of Vehicle Code §40303.5?

**QUESTION #7 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPEL-LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Does an allegation of violation of Vehicle Code §27803(b) *ipso jure*, under all circumstances, include an allegation of violation of one or more of the disqualifying conditions of Vehicle Code §40610(b) to adherence with the mandates of Vehicle Code §40303.5?

**QUESTION #8 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPEL-LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Does a fact that alleged violations of Vehicle Code §27803(b) includes either an unspecified charge of violation of Vehicle Code §40610(b), or is treated as if a conviction of violation of Vehicle Code §40610(b), deny a defendant of his right to due process as it relates to being informed of all charges alleged against him, and of being given the opportunity to defend against all germane allegations?

## Constitutionality of the Statute

The appellate court also sustained the lower courts ruling denying the defendant the opportunity to put on evidence of the vagueness of the helmet law, as applied to him, in a hearing separate from trial, on the contention that *Buhl, Bianco* and *Easyriders* have found the statute constitutional, as written – without limiting its other rulings to the specific conditions relative to constitutionality, required by *Buhl, Bianco* or *Easyriders*.

All these arguments were *not* made in the trail court, or on appeal, because they were preempted by the court's finding that the statute was

constitutional, upheld on appeal – without regard to the limitations placed on such an opinion by the higher courts.

The process invoked by the trial court, and then on appeal, effectively denied the defendant/appellant any opportunity whatsoever to challenge the constitutionality of Vehicle Code §27803(b) as applied to him – even though one of the cases used by the courts to deny this challenge, *Easyriders*, specifically pointed to the process being applied to the defendant in issuing the original citation, as constituting a violation of the defendant's Fourth Amendment rights. (*Easyriders v. Hannigan*)

The Appellate Division of the Superior Court addressed this problem by agreeing to have the matter certified for further appeal to the Sixth Appellate Court. However, in the absence of the evidence the defendant was not allowed to get in the record in the court below, such certification as to the specifics of that issue are far from complete enough for a thorough consideration by the higher court, of the issues involved — the defendant/ appellant's arguments, although outlined in his brief, are not supported by the testimony of witnesses, because the witnesses were excused upon ruling by the trial court that their testimony would not be relevant.

**QUESTION #9 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPEL-LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Does due process require that the court permit a defendant to put on a case, separate from trial, as to the constitutionality of the statute being applied against the defendant?

**QUESTION #10 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH AP-PELLATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Does the opportunity for a defendant to challenge the constitutionality of a statute, as applied to him, have to be meaningful?

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### Fairness of Process Applied to Appellant.

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The Appellant thoroughly briefed the issues on appeal, timely. The Respondent did not.

The Appellant Division of the Superior Court extended the time for the Respondent to file a Reply Brief over 60 days, in an ex parte motion which was applied for 22 days after the Reply Brief was due (following the first automatic 30 day extension granted by the Court Clerk when the Respondent failed to file a Reply Brief by the first deadline) – 22 days after jurisdiction to authorize such an extension was expired.

As a proximate result, the assumptions or presumptions of the Appellant's points and authorities on appeal as being correct and having merit, were never afforded to the Appellant.

Beyond that, issues that the Respondent did not address at all were nonetheless decided in favor of the Respondent, at times on grounds rising for the first time on appeal.

For example, the Appellate Division of the Superior court held that a Traffic Referee could assume jurisdiction over all infraction matters, against the will and over the objection, when the Respondent never addressed the issue at all. The application of Government Code §72401 as the determining factor of this decision, was not put in front of the Appellant until the hearing on the appeal, as part of the court's ruling, leaving the Appellant with little opportunity to make his arguments against such an interpretation.

Respondent argued in Reply against the issue of whether or not the citation constituted a correctable equipment violation pursuant to Vehicle Code §40303.5 based solely on the contention that "one is either wearing a helmet or not." The court below ruled that the provisions of §40303.5 did not apply, because motorcycle safety helmets are not equipment (even

though they are, by common sense, equipment; and even in spite of the fact that the statute appears in Division 12 of the Vehicle Code, which specifically addresses equipment.) However, the Appellate Court independently *did* apply the provisions of Vehicle Code §40303.5, thereby acknowledging that the lower court had erred in its judgment, instead calling on one of the disqualifying conditions (still unspecified) of Vehicle Code §40610, in upholding the decision of the trial court – in essence overruling the lower court in part, without remanding the case so the defendant could answer the additional allegations of violation of Vehicle Code §40610(b)'s disqualifying conditions.

Relative to the ultimate rulings of the court, it is not evident that the Appellant was given the benefit that should have been derived from the failure of the Respondent to file a Reply brief timely, or address the issues raised by Appellant on appeal. Nor did the court rule on Appellant's request that the Reply Brief be stricken as filed untimely, an otherwise in violation of the Rules of Court.

QUESTION #11 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH APPELLATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA: What penalty, if any, is to be
imposed on a Respondent in an appeal, who does not timely file a Reply
brief, or otherwise address the issues, at all, raised on appeal?
QUESTION #12 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH AP-

**PELLATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA:** Do ex parte communications between the court and the Respondent, negate the subsequent ruling of the court?

QUESTION #13 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THE SIXTH AP-PELLATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA: Were the Appellant's right to anequal application of the law, violated by the Respondent being given spe-cial treatment on appeal?Exhibit "F"

### Refusal to provide a record of proceedings.

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For whatever reason, the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of California, in and for Santa Cruz County, has established a policy whereby an appellant cannot obtain a record of appellate proceedings, even with payment.

> The state must allow access by an appealing defendant in a criminal case to a record of sufficient completeness to permit proper consideration of his appeal. This rule applies in both felony and misdemeanor cases, and an indigent defendant in either type prosecution is entitled to have an appropriate record on appeal furnished at the expense of the state. What constitutes a record of sufficient completeness depends on the contentions being urged in the appeal. Alternative methods of reporting trial proceedings are permissible if they place before the appellate court an equivalent report of the events at trial from which the appellant's contentions arise. A statement of facts agreed to by both sides might be an adequate substitute equally as good as a transcript. Where the parties are not in agreement, however, and the settled statement must depend on failing memories or other uncertainties, it will ordinarily not suffice. Thus the state must provide, on the defendant's request, some method of recording verbatim the testimony and other oral proceedings of a felony or misdemeanor criminal action in its superior, municipal, and justice courts. Anything less will deny a record of sufficient completeness and thus deny an adequate appellate review. In re Armstrong (1981, 1st Dist) 126 Cal App 3d 565, 178 Cal Rptr 902.

**OUESTION #14 CERTIFIED FOR APPEAL TO THESIXTH APPEL-**

LATE COURT OF CALIFORNIA: Does the reasoning laid out above, relative to a verbatim record, from In re Armstrong, ibid. apply to an appeal of a criminal action, conducted in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court?

SO ORDERED:

Honorable Judge Atack

Honorable Judge Arthur Danner, III

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CONCUR: