

Sight Translation - Practice 1

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We are back on the record, in the matter of Joe Valencia, Superior Court Case Number GA029384. We are here for a trial on the priors.

Let me review this case file before we begin with the trial on the priors. Mr. Valencia was sentenced to 25 to life by Judge Perris. While that case was on appeal, he had picked up a case here in this court involving drugs sewn into the lining of clothes that were brought into his lockup when he was pending trial on that particular case.

While the preliminary hearing was going on in that case, shortly thereafter, Joe is alleged to have escaped from the building, this same building that we are sitting in. And that involved a situation where after following his escape, he was picked up on a series of robberies. One set of robberies involved Taco Bell, which is this case.

Two other sets of other robberies allegations involved Fashion 21 on North Lake, and the third set, involved Bristol Farms down in South Pasadena. He has as result of the outcome of all those cases the following results:

The escape charge was dropped because that was the last one in line to be tried.

But in between, he got 23 years, 8 months, If I remember correctly from this Court at the time when this Court struck the priors in effect. And then he got 100 years on the drugs in jail from Judge Fulgoni and finally he got 145 to life from Judge Lynch for the Fashion 21 and Bristol Farms robberies.

Now, we have to determine when will he become eligible for parole.

The law states that anyone convicted to life may earn parole after he completes three fourths of the sentence.

But the question is: what is the sentence? Is the defendant going to live 100 years or 80 years?

Well, the law does not allow any type of guess. Thus, the law indicates that anyone convicted to life, will be eligible for parole when he reaches the age of 65.