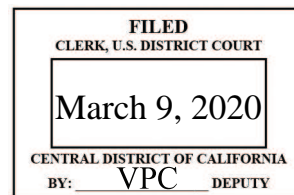


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARY ELLEN SAMUELS,

Petitioner,

v.

JANEL ESPINOZA, Warden of  
Central California Women's Facility,

Respondent.

CASE NO. CV 10-3225 SJO

**DEATH PENALTY CASE**

JUDGMENT

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Petitioner Mary Ellen Samuels' petition for writ of habeas corpus be **CONDITIONALLY GRANTED** and that the sentence of death in the matter of *People v. Mary Ellen Samuels*, Case No. PA002269 of the California Superior Court of Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys, shall be **VACATED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the State of California shall, within 120 days from the entry of this Judgment, either grant Petitioner a new penalty trial or vacate the death sentence and resentence Petitioner in accordance with California law and the United States Constitution.

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1           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of this Court shall  
2 immediately notify the Warden of San Quentin Prison of this Court's judgment.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 Dated: March 9, 2020.

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6 S. JAMES OTERO  
7 United States District Judge  
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