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People v. Taylor

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SUMMARY

The California Supreme Court held that a defendant may be convicted of second degree implied-malice murder of a fetus even when there is no evidence that he knew the victim was pregnant. The court concluded that implied malice requires conscious disregard for human life generally and does not require awareness of each particular victim, including a fetus. The court reversed the Court of Appeal's judgment and remanded the case.

CASE DETAILS

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JURISDICTION	California
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