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the accused and to consider motions to suppress that evidence. When the prosecution satisfies its burden of proof, the defendant is bound over for trial. When it fails to do so, the magistrate dismisses the complaint and discharges the defendant. Each of these decisions is reviewable in the superior court. However, the significance of the examination, commonly referred to as the preliminary hearing, far exceeds this screening. It provides an opportunity for the prosecutor and defense lawyer to assess the respective strengths of their cases. Depositions and interrogatories are foreign to California criminal procedure. Thus, the examination is the only pretrial

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