

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

CR2025-006831-001 DT

11/18/2025

HONORABLE JEFFREY A. RUETER

CLERK OF THE COURT  
D. McHardy  
Deputy

STATE OF ARIZONA

EDWARD DOUGLAS LEITER

v.

LAURA MICHELLE OWENS (001)

SANDRA SCHUTZ

JUDGE RUETER  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE  
SERVICES-CCC

COMPLEX CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

9:09 a.m.

Courtroom SCT 8A

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| State's Attorney:     | Jennifer Linn |
| Defendant's Attorney: | Sandra Schutz |
| Defendant:            | Present       |

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

This is the time set for Complex Case Management Conference.

The parties have filed a Joint Complex Case Management Report.

The Court has received and reviewed the Defense Counsel's Motion to Withdraw,  
submitted 11/17/2025.

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There being good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED granting Defense Counsel's Motion and withdrawing Sandra Schutz as the attorney of record for all further proceedings in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Office of Public Defense Services appoint counsel to represent Defendant in this matter.

IT IS ORDERED affirming the Trial Assignment Date of 01/22/2026 at 9:00 a.m. before the Master Calendar Assignment Judge. The Trial Assignment hearing is in person for all lawyers and defendants. The parties should contact the Trial Assignment division prior to the Trial Assignment date to request to appear virtually. The purpose of the hearing is to set dates for (1) the Trial Procedure Conference and (2) the jury selection date.

All self-represented litigants shall appear in person at the trial assignment date unless otherwise ordered. All in custody defendants shall be transported unless otherwise ordered.

Should the Trial Assignment Judge approve a virtual appearance, the Assignment Judge's division will email parties instructions and a link to join the Court Connect videoconference (for more information, visit <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/court-connect/>). A hearing participant can also join by telephone by dialing 917-781-4590 and entering Access Code 103 815 458#. If a virtual appearance has been approved counsel of record and defendants are ordered to appear via videoconference with their webcams enabled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED affirming the Final Trial Management Conference (FTMC) on 01/15/2026 at 9:00 a.m. before this Division.

IT IS ORDERED setting Status Conference re: New Counsel on 12/02/2025 at 9:10 a.m. before this Division.

**JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**

No less than two working days before each Case Management Conference, the parties shall file a Joint Case Management Report. This report will inform the Court of:

1. The specific progress made since the last Case Management Conference in completing activities previously established by the Court and the parties;
2. Specific case preparation to be completed before the next Case Management Conference;
3. Witnesses who have been interviewed in the preceding month;

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4. Witnesses who will be interviewed in the upcoming month;
5. Pending issues to be resolved.

IT IS ORDERED that no time be excluded. LAST DAY REMAINS: 02/23/2026.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED affirming prior release orders.

Defendant is directed to appear at all scheduled court hearings and advised of the potential consequences should he/she fail to appear.

9:12 a.m. Matter concludes.