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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

STATE OF ARIZONA

v.

LAURA MICHELLE OWENS,

DEFENDANT.

No. CR2025-007905-001

Judge: Sigmund G Popko

**INITIAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE
STATEMENT**

IPTC HEARING DATE: January 21, 2026

*****Parties must file this statement 3 court
days before hearing date.*****

REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE HEARING

Note: *To request that the IPTC be an appearance hearing, file this statement no less than 3 court days before the IPTC date and email a courtesy copy to the IPTC Commissioner.*

1. Is any party requesting an appearance hearing? Yes No
If yes, who is requesting the hearing? State Defendant
2. Provide the basis for the requested hearing (e.g., missing disclosures, pending motions):
Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Does Defendant want their presence waived? Yes No

Case Status

The parties hereby avow to the Court that the following activities have occurred in this case (check all that apply):

- Defense counsel and Defendant have been in communication.
- The State has complied with Rule 15.1, Ariz. R Crim. P.
- The Defendant has complied with Rule 15.2, Ariz. R Crim. P.
- There are no disclosure or discovery disputes at this time between the parties that require the Court's involvement.
- There are no pending motions (including Notice of Change of Judge) before the court.

For any item(s) **not** checked above, please explain why and the parties' plan for addressing these issues:

Plea Discussions

The status of plea negotiations is as follows (check applicable boxes):

- There is a written plea offer that expires on EXPIRATION DATE. The plea offer has been communicated in writing to: defense attorney / Defendant.
- A plea offer is forthcoming from State/being discussed/or a deviation request is pending.
- No plea offer will be made.
- A settlement conference has been held.

Hearing Dates

- Defendant has been advised of the upcoming hearing dates, including the Comprehensive Pre-Trial Conference (CPTC), the Final Trial Management Conference (FTMC), and Trial Dates.
- Victims' Rights have been complied with (as applicable).
- The Court still needs to set the following hearing(s). (The hearings will be set via minute entry and defense counsel will need to file a declaration with the Court within 10 business days confirming that they have informed Defendant of the dates.)

CPTC FTMC Trial

Defendants with Multiple Cases / Codefendant Matters / Complex

- Defendant has multiple cases pending Maricopa County Superior Court. If checked, list all case numbers here (including probation violation matters): _____
- The State and Defendant agree to align all last days to the case listed above with the latest last day and align all hearing dates.
- Defendant agrees to waive Rule 8 time on all pending cases (to the extent necessary) to allow for last days to be aligned.
- This is a co-Defendant case. If checked, list the co-Defendant(s) name(s), assigned Case

Management Judge(s), and next hearing date(s).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Next Hearing</u>

The parties intend to file a request for the Court to designate this case as complex by January 27, 2026:

Prosecutor

Signature: /s/



Name: Edward Leiter

Date submitted: January 20, 2026

**Defense Counsel or
Self-Represented Defendant**

Signature:

Signature: /s/

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