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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 ☐ FMTC ☐ 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

**Defense Counsel or
Self-Represented Defendant**

Signature: /s/



Name: Edward Leiter

Signature:

Signature: /s/

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Date submitted: January 20, 2026