

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CR2025-007905-001 DT

07/22/2026

HONORABLE JEFFREY A. RUETER

CLERK OF THE COURT
D. McHardy
Deputy

STATE OF ARIZONA

EDWARD DOUGLAS LEITER

v.

LAURA MICHELLE OWENS (001)

CHRISTIAN MARK LUEDERS

JUDGE RUETER

TRIAL CONTINUANCE PAST LAST DAY

8:54 a.m.

Courtroom SCT 8A

State's Attorney:	Edward Leiter
Defendant's Attorney:	Christian Lueders
Defendant:	Present

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

This is the time set for Final Trial Management Conference.

Having considered the Motion to Continue by counsel for the Defense, the Court finds,

1. The nonmoving party or parties: Do Not Object.
2. The Arraignment date was: 12/02/2025.
3. The Original last day was: No Information Provided.

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4. The existing date of the trial when the motion was filed: 07/29/2026.
5. The number of continuances granted before this continuance was: 0.
6. The motion was: In writing.
7. The motion was filed at least 5 days before trial: Yes.
8. If filed untimely, the motion sets forth with specificity the reasons for its untimeliness: Does Not Apply.

The Court finds that delay is indispensable to the interests of justice and that the following extraordinary circumstance(s) exist warranting the continuance:

Attempting to settle,

The Defendant having waived all applicable time limits,

IT IS ORDERED vacating the Trial Assignment date of 07/29/2026 and resetting same on 10/28/2026 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 ORDERED resetting the Final Trial Management Conference (FTMC) set on this date to 10/21/2026 at 8:45 a.m. before this Division.

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IT IS ORDERED affirming Settlement Conference on 08/28/2026 at 2:30 p.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;
4. Witnesses who will be interviewed in the upcoming month;
5. Pending issues to be resolved.

IT IS ORDERED excluding all time from 07/29/2026 through 10/28/2026 (91 days).

NEW LAST DAY: 11/28/2026.

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.

8:56 a.m. Matter concludes.