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PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT

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JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR

Alias: None

CR-2014-01193

The attached Pre-Sentence Investigation Report was ready January 23, 2019.

DEFENSE COUNSEL:	Ronald S. Gilleo Legal Defender
PROSECUTOR:	Gregory A. McPhillips Deputy County Attorney
JUDGE:	Honorable Lee F. Jantzen Division IV
SENTENCING DATE:	January 30, 2019
INVESTIGATING OFFICER:	Kevin Eiser Deputy Probation Officer I



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SENTENCE INFORMATION SHEET

<u>OFFENSE DATE</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 2, 2014
<u>PLEA AGREEMENT:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On December 18, 2018, the defendant entered into a Stipulated Guilty Plea whereby he pled guilty to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">In <u>CR-2014-01193</u>: Count 1: First Degree Murder (victim under fifteen years of age), a Class 1 Felony.
<u>PENALTY:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for 35 calendar years;All other terms at the Judge's discretion.
<u>DISMISSED:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In <u>CR-2014-01193</u>: Count 2: Kidnapping, Class 2 Felony; Count 3: Child Abuse, Class 2 Felony; Count 4: Abandonment of a Dead Body, Class 5 Felony; And stipulates to life imprisonment without possibility of parole for 35 calendar years rather than a sentence of natural life.In <u>CR-2017-01042</u>: Counts 1-3: Aggravated Assault, Each a Class 5 Felony.

CODEFENDANTS / DISPOSITION / RESTITUTION:

There are no codefendants in this matter.

According to the Mohave County Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit, no requests for restitution were submitted in this matter.

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PRE-SENTENCE REPORT – PART ONE

PRESENT OFFENSE SUMMARY:

The following was obtained from Bullhead City Police Department report # 2014-046298:

On September 2, 2014, at approximately 1:18 am, Officers with the Bullhead City Police Department were dispatched to Lakeside Drive, Bullhead City, Arizona, in reference to a missing 8-year-old child. Unsuccessful attempts were made to locate the victim, who was described as 4'8" tall, approximately 80 to 90 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Officers were told that the victim was last seen at the family residence with the defendant, Justin James Rector (30), who was also gone at that time. The defendant had recently and had been staying with the victim's family for a few days.

During the ongoing search for the victim, police officers checked local addresses associated with the defendant. While en route to one of the addresses, Cpl Mooney observed the defendant walking near 2765 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. The defendant was questioned and denied knowledge of the missing victim's whereabouts, but he agreed to speak with officers at the police station. Det. Sgt. Williams interviewed the defendant, who continued to deny knowledge of the victim's disappearance and said he left the victim's home alone. He claimed to have walked to Wal-Mart by way of a nearby golf course and through a large desert area. He reported that he washed his hands in the Wal-Mart bathroom and he admitted shoplifting the shoes and shirt he was wearing.

On September 3, 2014, the victim's body was found in a shallow grave near a wash approximately one mile from her home and near the Wal-Mart. A "Pick Axe" type garden tool was found was found in a nearby dumpster and surveillance video showed a male figure who looked like the defendant approach the dumpster. Surveillance video from the nearby Wal-Mart showed the defendant walking into the store a few minutes later, when he stole a shirt and a hat. Officers found the defendant's old shoes in the Wal-Mart, which he later admitted were his. Rector's old shoes had a distinctive hole in the bottom and were covered with duct tape, which matched shoeprints left by the victim's grave. An autopsy found that the 8-year-old victim had been strangled and died of asphyxia.

During interviews with law enforcement officers, Rector denied involvement in the victim's death. As an inmate, he was later overheard saying "I did it" by a Mohave County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer. The defendant also sent his father postcards from the jail indicating, "I don't know why I did what I did and I can't take it back."

Justin James Rector was arrested on September 3, 2014, and booked into the Mohave County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility in Kingman on September 4, 2014. He has been held in custody since then and he remains incarcerated pending sentencing.

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT:

Please see the attached defendant's statement.

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT:

A letter requesting a victim statement and documentation of financial losses was sent to victim representative S.W. on January 7, 2019. To date, the victim's representative has not responded.

RISK/NEED ASSESSMENT:

Based on the Offender Screening Tool (OST), the following is an assessment of the defendant's risk to re-offend and criminogenic needs. There are 10 categories, or domains, assessed in the OST. Domains that do not contribute to the defendant's overall risk to re-offend, or represent a criminogenic need area for the defendant, do not require intervention. Domains that contribute to the defendant's overall risk to re-offend and criminogenic needs must be addressed when developing community supervision strategies. The OST is a standardized, statewide, validated tool approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

**DOMAINS THAT DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL RISK
TO RE-OFFEND OR CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS**

DOMAIN	Summary
Physical Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to Part II Confidential Information.
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to Part II Confidential Information.

**DOMAINS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL RISK
TO RE-OFFEND AND CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS**

DOMAIN	Summary
Residence/ Neighborhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector reported he has lived in Arizona most of his life, except for a few months in Idaho and Texas.• He did not know where he might live when he is released from prison.

**DOMAINS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL RISK
TO RE-OFFEND AND CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS**

DOMAIN	Summary
Vocational/ Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector last worked at Kentucky Fried Chicken for a few months in 2013.• His longest period of employment occurred at Zebarth Construction in Bullhead City, where he worked from 2005 to 2008. He returned to work for the company again in 2012.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He has no monthly income or expenses.• He reported no assets. His debts include court-ordered fines and fees of \$4,218.10.• Rector never served in the military.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector was both suspended and expelled from school during his youth.• He left school after the 8th grade and never earned a GED Certificate.• He never attended a vocational training program.
Family and Social Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justin James Rector (30) was born on May 24, 1988, in Apple Valley, California.• Parents: His father is James Rector (56) and he lives in Bullhead City, Arizona. His mother is deceased.• Siblings: He has two sisters, Elizabeth and Lindsey Rector. He has one brother, Josh Rector.• Children: He has a 10-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter.• Marriage: He has never been married.• He indicated that members of his family have a criminal record.• He described his childhood as average.• He denied being the victim of or witness to any abuse or domestic violence as a child.
Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector first drank alcohol when he was 12 years old and he last drank alcohol two weeks before the presentence interview. He also admitted to drinking hand sanitizer 1.5 years ago, which caused him to become sick. He said he drank excessively in the past but never considered himself to be an alcoholic.• There is one alcohol-related arrest in his criminal history.
Drug Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector first used marijuana when he was 13 years old and he last used the drug two years ago. He described himself as a daily marijuana user and said he used the drug as often as he could.• He first used methamphetamine when he was sixteen years old and he last used the drug 1.5 years ago. He described himself as a daily methamphetamine user who smoked, injected, snorted and ate the drug.• He first used heroin when he was 26 years old and used the drug whenever it was offered to him.• He experimented with cocaine a few times over the years but never used the drug recreationally.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector first used prescription pills recreationally when he was sixteen years old and he last used those types of drugs on the day of his arrest. His preferred method of use was to grind Morphine, Dilaudid or Percocet pills into a powder; then put it into a solution that was used intravenously.• There are three drug-related arrests in his criminal history.• He previously attended <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector reported that he thinks he needs substance abuse counseling because he, "still crave and dream of drug use." (sic)
Attitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When asked how he feels about this case and if he feels he was treated fairly, Rector wrote: "I was treated fairly by the Courts." (sic)• When asked how he feels about police officers and other authority figures, Rector wrote: "The Judge is fair to me. Most officers are just doing their job but some abuse authority on streets and w jail." (sic)• When asked if he feels it would ever be okay to break the law, Rector wrote: "Its never OK but I do believe some crimes especially victimless are 'less serious' and then are easyer to commit..." (sic)• When asked if he felt it would be okay to do whatever it takes to make money, ever if it is illegal, Rector wrote: "To feed yourself or family...yes." (sic)• When asked if he would have any difficulties complying with a probation term, Rector wrote: "Drug addict...life is difficult to comply with." (sic)
Criminal Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rector was first arrested at age 12.• He had 14 juvenile referrals.• As an adult, he has no prior felony convictions and 16 prior misdemeanor convictions.• He has four prior convictions for crimes of violence.• The present offense involves the murder of an eight-year-old female victim.

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OVERALL ASSESSED RISK/NEED LEVEL: High (29)
**Specific areas of concern: Vocational / Financial, Education, Alcohol Use,
Drug Use, Mental Health, Attitude, and Criminal Behavior**

COLLATERAL INFORMATION:

On January 2, 2019, a request for case officer statements was faxed to Officers Betts, McNally, Garzon, Sgt. Nave, Walters, Brooks, Williams, Grasse, Stanhope, Garms, Benavidez, Sodaro, Holstrom, Holdway, English, M. Garcia, Crawford, and Finney. To date, none of the officers have replied.

INFORMATION NOT FOR DISCLOSURE:

Additional identifying information and/or criminal history may be contained in PART TWO of this report and is for disclosure only to the Court, the prosecutor, the defense attorney, and other authorized criminal justice agencies.

PROBATION EVALUATION:

Due to the defendant's stipulated prison plea, no probation evaluation is provided. Due to the defendant's history of violence and assaults against corrections officers, a correction officer's caution is advised.

Respectfully submitted,



(For)

Kevin Eiser
Deputy Probation Officer I

APPROVED BY:



(For)

Stephen R. Cromer
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