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7 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**
8 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE**

9 STATE OF ARIZONA,
10 Plaintiff,
11 vs.
12 **JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR,**
13 Defendant.

No. CR-2014-1193

**RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S
MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF
ANY POSSIBLE BASIS FOR
JUDICIAL DISQUALIFICATION**

14 COMES NOW, the State of Arizona, by the Mohave County Attorney and through
15 the undersigned deputy, Gregory A. McPhillips, and respectfully responds to defendant's
16 motion to preserve evidence.

17 The State takes no position on defendants request for disclosure of any possible
18 basis for Judicial disqualification.

19 Undersigned counsel discloses the following facts about undersigned counsel's
20 relationship with Judge Jantzen.¹

- In 1997, when undersigned counsel hired on at the Mohave County Attorneys' Office, Lee Jantzen was a prosecutor employed by the Mohave County Attorneys' Office.
- At some point around 1999, Lee Jantzen was the direct supervisor of undersigned counsel and Defense counsel Ron Gilleo when we three

¹ This disclosure may be unknown to Mr. Gavin who is new to this case and lives in Phoenix. This information was known by, or disclosed to, Ron Gilleo and Harry Moore.
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1 worked at the MAGNET drug prosecution unit of the Mohave County
2 Attorney.

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- Lee Jantzen has visited undersigned prosecutor's home.
 - Since around 1999 Undersigned prosecutor has played racquetball on 3
4 days a week with Lee Jantzen and Derek Carlisle. There is a gap, in Lee
5 Jantzen's participation, when Lee Jantzen worked in Florida. Undersigned
6 counsel does not play racquetball on days he is in trial. Undersigned
7 counsel does not talk about any case assigned to the Office of the County
8 Attorney, or in which Mohave County has an interest, with either Judge
9 Jantzen or Judge Carlisle.
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11 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

12 MOHAVE COUNTY ATTORNEY
13 MATTHEW J. SMITH

14 By 
15 DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY
16 GREGORY A. MCPHILLIPS

17 A copy of the foregoing
18 sent this same day to:

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20 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

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