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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

Defendant.

No. CR-2014-1193

State's case status report for
October 19, 2018

13 COMES NOW, the State of Arizona, by the Mohave County Attorney and
14 through the undersigned Deputy County Attorney, respectfully submits the
15 following case status report.

16 **Interviews**

The parties have not completed further interviews.

17 Defense has declined to interview witnesses selected by the State. On the
18 4th of September 2018, defense counsel indicated that she needed to confer with
19 the defense investigator and determine witnesses to interview. Undersigned
20 prosecutor indicated that the State would await word from defense prior to setting
any further interviews. The State has received no further interview requests.

21 The State has been attempting to re-start interviews for years. Defenses'
22 refusal to set interviews is not a justification to continue the current trial date.
23 The State will object to a continuance of the trial for this reason.



1 Disclosure

2 To this day, the defense has not disclosed to the State. No names and
3 addresses of witnesses whom the defendant intends to call at trial have been
4 disclosed. No expert witnesses have been disclosed. No evidence has been
5 disclosed.

6 At this time, the State expects that defense has no witnesses or evidence
7 to present at trial. The State expects that defense has no expert witnesses to
8 present at trial.

8 Trial Date

9 The trial is currently set for April 29, 2019. Victim has invoked speedy trial
10 rights. The State objects to a continuance, or stay, of the current trial date.

11 Defense experts

12 Defense has refused to interview State experts until after they hire defense
13 experts. Yesterday, defense filed a Motion for Stay of Proceedings. That motion
14 implied that defendant has not retained a defense expert since the last hearing
15 on September 7, 2018. Further, defense has not yet filed the special action.

16 Defendant cannot continue the current trial date by refusing to retain
17 experts or interview the State's experts. Further, defense expert reports
18 disclosed on the eve of trial would constitute a disclosure violation. Such a
19 disclosure violation could call for preclusion of defense witnesses.

20 Defendant cannot be allowed to obtain a continuance of the current trial
21 date by intentionally running the clock.

22 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

23 MOHAVE COUNTY ATTORNEY
24 MATTHEW J. SMITH

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A copy of the foregoing
sent this same day to:

HONORABLE LEE F. JANTZEN
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