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IN THE PIMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Case No.: CR2025-1454-001

Plaintiff,

VS.

LANE JEFFERY MYERS

Case No.: CR2025-1454-001

DEFENDANT'S REPLY RE:
REHEARING ON BAIL PURSUANT
TO RULE 7.4(c)

(Assigned to Hon. D. Douglas Metcalf)

Date: TBD
Time: TBD

Defendant, Lane Myers, by and through counsel, William J. Parven, respectfully replies to the State's response. Mr. Myers maintains he is entitled to a rehearing pursuant to *Arizona Rule of Criminal Procedure* 7.4(c) as discussed below.

A. Rule 7.4(c) Clearly Permits A Bond Rehearing After Transfer.

"On motion... a court may reexamine bail eligibility if the case is transferred to a different court". *Rule* 7.4(c). "The court may hold oral argument or an evidentiary hearing." *Id*.

As discussed in his motion, the bond hearing was held under the Pima County Consolidated Court case no. CR25-003692-FE. Mr. Myers had not yet been indicted or arraigned on charges. Once the indictment was issued, the file was transferred to the Pima County Superior Court for arraignment under this case number. The rules permit this request for a rehearing. This request is similar to this Court's appellate review over cases filed with Pima County Consolidated Court. The main difference is unlike a true appeal, this Court can make its own findings of fact for the rehearing.

Mr. Myers is not asking this Court to conduct another full evidentiary hearing on everything. Limited testimony from Mr. Myers and oral argument based on the transferred record should suffice. Mr. Myers only desires review of his bail eligibility and release conditions as permitted under Rule 7.4(c)

B. Mr. Myers Secondary Argument Is that Rule 7.2(b)'s Statutory Prohibition On Release Is Unconstitutional As Applied to Him.

The State correctly informs the Court that The Arizona Supreme Court upheld Arizona's strict prohibition of bail while on release. *See Morreno v. Brickner*, 243 Ariz. 543 ¶38 (2018). However, because the issue was moot, the Supreme Court did not address whether the statute could be unconstitutional as applied to a specific defendant. *Id.* ¶9. For the reasons discussed in his motion, Mr. Myers maintains the poor conditions at the Pima County jail including the lack of a law library and the inability to communicate freely with people to work on his defense have deprived him of his constitutional right to represent himself. This issue has never been addressed and Mr.

Myers now makes this argument to this Court. Mr. Myers proposed the alternative of home detention if the State insists on confinement. Realistically, that should not be necessary because there are less onerous restrictions that will suffice under Rule 7.2(a)(2), but it is a fair compromise for the time being.

CONCLUSION

Under Rule 7.4(c) a rehearing is permitted now that the case has been transferred to the Superior Court with a new case number. It is requested that this Court find that there was no proof evident that Mr. Myers committed a new felony while on pretrial release. In the alternative, it is requested that the Court agree that the prohibition on bond is unconstitutional as applied to Mr. Myers because it has deprived him of his right to self-representation. Mr. Myers has proposed home detention in lieu of confinement at the Pima County Jail as a compromise but realistically, this should not be necessary.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of April, 2025

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The Hon. D. Douglas Metcalf

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