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Re: State v. Michael Paul Adams, CR 2019-131267-001

Dear Mr. Sammons and Ms. Stevens:

The following is a request that the State not file a “death notice” in this case.¹

Michael Adams is accused of killing Elijah Al-Amin on July 4, 2019, after Michael walked into a Circle K, approached Elijah from behind, slit his throat with a pocket knife and stabbed him in the back. The most significant mitigating factor uncovered to date is Michael’s Schizophrenia that the Arizona Department of Corrections left untreated from October 31, 2018 until his release on July 2, 2019, causing him to be released into the community psychotic, homicidal, and with no community support.

This letter provides additional mental health mitigation that has not been previously presented in the “First Mitigation Disclosure” made August 1, 2019, and the “Second Mitigation Disclosure” made September 9, 2019. Newly disclosed with the transmission of this letter are the following documents:

- MPA 1832-2213 Banner Scottsdale Behavioral Health Records
- MPA 2214-2301 CHS Records 7/24/19 to 8/29/19
- MPA 2302-2410 CHS Records 8/29/19 to 10/4/19
- MPA 2411-2412 Letter from Dr. Jennifer Weller
- MPA 2413-2416 Yuma PD Incident 2019-00041704
- --- Yuma 911 call from Black Bear Diner

¹ This information is provided pursuant to Rule 408(a)(2) of the Arizona Rules of Evidence in an effort to show the State that allowing the case to proceed as a non-capital First-Degree Murder case is in the interests of justice.

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