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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

THE STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LAURA MICHELLE OWENS,

Defendant.

CR2025-006831-001

STATE'S ALLEGATION OF AGGRAVATING  
CIRCUMSTANCES

(Assigned to the Honorable Monica S  
Garfinkel, Div. CMC06)

The State of Arizona, by and through undersigned counsel, pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-701 alleges that the following aggravating circumstances exist in this case. If the State determines additional aggravating circumstances apply, the State will file a subsequent allegation of aggravating circumstances.

- The offense(s) involved the presence of an accomplice. A.R.S. §13-701(D)(4).
- The defendant committed the offense(s) as consideration for the receipt, or in the expectation of the receipt, of anything of pecuniary value. A.R.S. §13-701(D)(6).

- The offense(s) caused physical, emotional or financial harm to the victim or, if the victim died as a result of the conduct of the defendant, caused emotional or financial harm to the victim's immediate family. A.R.S. §13-701(D)(9).
- The Defendant testified or will testify falsely at trial or another court proceeding. *State v. McDonald*, 156 Ariz. 260, 263 (App. 1987); *State v. Smith*, 183 Ariz. 424, 426 (App. 1995), *vacated on other grounds by State v. Smith*, 184 Ariz. 456 (1996).
- There is evidence of prior acts of the defendant for which the defendant was not convicted. *State v. Stuck*, 154 Ariz. 16, 22 (App. 1987).
- The defendant has past bad conduct even though that conduct may not have been or did not result in a conviction. *State v. Shattuck*, 140 Ariz. 582, 584 (1984), *citing State v. LeMaster*, 137 Ariz. 159, 166 and *State v. Cawley*, 133 Ariz. 27, 29 (App. 1982).
- There is a need to protect future victims from the defendant. *State v. McCuin*, 167 Ariz. 447, 808 P.2d 332 (App. 1991)(discussed).

Finally, if the jury convicts the defendant of multiple felony counts or the defendant has felony convictions that are not within ten years immediately preceding the date of the offense, the State alleges these multiple convictions as an aggravating circumstance.

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