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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

## IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

Plaintiff, v. **GREGORY GILLESPIE,** 

Defendant.

Case No.: CV2021-052893

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SUPPLEMENT APPLICATION FOR COSTS

> (Assigned to the Hon. Michael Gordon)

Defendant/Counterclaimant Gregory Gillespie ("Defendant"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby replies in support of his Motion for Leave to Supplement Application for Costs ("Reply"). This Reply is supported by the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

**Plaintiff** ("Plaintiff") contends that the Motion should be denied, because the Motion does not cite to a specific rule. Plaintiff also contends that Defendant has not established excusable neglect. Lastly, Plaintiff argues that the supplemental costs are improper under Ariz.R.Civ.P. 54(f)(1). Plaintiff's arguments are without merit.

First, Plaintiff's citation to Ariz.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)(2) is incomplete. In relevant part, the rule provides: "All motions must be accompanied by a memorandum setting forth the reasons for granting the motion, along with citations to the specific parts or pages of

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supporting authorities and evidence." The Motion states the reasons for granting the Motion and is therefore in compliance with Ariz.R.Civ.P. 7.1.

Moreover, Defendant notified Plaintiff that he intended to supplement his costs and demonstrated the good cause via the Motion. Even if excusable neglect is the applicable standard, Defendant has established excusable neglect. *State v. Jackson*, 210 Ariz. 466, 470, ¶15, 113 P.3d 112, 116 (App. 2005) ("The general test of what is excusable is whether the neglect or inadvertence is such as might be the act of a reasonably prudent person under the same circumstances.") (internal citations omitted). Here, Defendant acted like a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances. Defendant's counsel filed its Application for Costs with the material in their possession and indicated that he would supplement the Application for Costs when he received the additional costs. Once Defendant's counsel received the supplemental costs, he promptly sought leave and filed the present Motion.

Lastly, if the Court grants the present Motion, Defendant will submit a separate verification for the supplemental costs. The supplemental statement of costs also clearly represents the costs that have been incurred in this Action.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant the present Motion.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this <u>24<sup>th</sup></u> day of January 2024.

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