



Arizona Superior Court

Pima County

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Via email only: cnylander@kvoa.com

Dear Mr. Nylander:

Thank you for your request dated August 30, 2024. Please note that public records requests regarding courts in Arizona are governed by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 123, Access to the Judicial Records of the State of Arizona, a copy of which is available on the Court's website at www.sc.pima.gov. Any future records requests pursuant to the court or its employees should be submitted directly to the court, and according to these edicts.

The Initial Appearance Court holds sessions for all courts in Pima County. The Pima County Consolidated Justice Court's (PCCJC) procedure for many years during the Initial Appearance proceedings has been to have the courtroom clerks verify the PCCJC cases scheduled before the Justice Court to ensure proper scheduling on the Justice of the Peace's calendar for each case depending on the in-custody or out-of-custody status of the defendant. If the judge during the IA proceeding changed the defendant's status to out of custody, the hearing date for the defendant in the PCJCC case was changed to a later date since the defendant was no longer in custody. If the date was changed, the order reflected that date, and that order was sent to the jail records unit, and jail staff would then provide the defendant a copy of the updated order.

As of August 30, 2024, the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court has revised their procedures so that no clerk alters the date without expressed approval by the judicial officer.

Regarding your request for number of FTA warrants, the court will not be able to provide you this information. This Court does not aggregate case information in the manner requested for its own internal business purposes. The information requested either is accessible only in each paper court file or by programming a special report from case management system data. Therefore, we must regretfully deny your request related to outcome information and the numbers specific to justice court, in accordance with subsection (c)(4) of Arizona Supreme Court Rule 123:

(4) New Records. The court is not required to index, compile, re-compile, re-format, program or otherwise reorganize existing information to create new records not maintained in the ordinary course of business.

Regarding your request for an on-camera interview with the presiding judge or any staff member, the court declines your request.

We have included email communications regarding the situation that is subject to your request.

Thank you for your interest.

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Attachments