

Court of Appeals, Division One

Criminal

1 CA-CR 25-0433

STATE v. MORRIS

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 14-Oct-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. STATE OF ARIZONA, Appellee

(Litigant Group) STATE OF ARIZONA

- State of Arizona

Attorneys for: Appellee

Alice Jones, Esq. (AZ Bar No. 28062)

Side 2. JAMES CHARLES MORRIS, Appellant

(Litigant Group) JAMES CHARLES MORRIS

- James Charles Morris

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Advisory Counsel for: Appellant

Michael J Dew, Esq. (AZ Bar No. 4543)

CASE STATUS

Feb 2, 2026.....Record Complete-Notice Completion Sent

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE (S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, CR2023-132372-001, Agg Aslt-Deadly Wpn/Dang Inst, Class 3, Life, ADCRR, Sunita Cairo, Sentencing.

OPEN DUE DATE

Opening Brief Due

Due By:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

[1 extension]

Re: FILED: Notice of Completion of Record

47 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 14-Oct-2025 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 10/06/25. Notification to Court Reporters dated 10/10/25.
2. 14-Oct-2025 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice (31.2(g))
3. 15-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Appointing the Maricopa County Public Defender as counsel for appellant. FURTHER ORDERED: Court Reporters April Escobedo, Diane Donoho, Wendy Ricard, Kimberly Portik, and Tara Kramer transcript(s) due by 12/01/2025.
4. 27-Oct-2025 FILED: Courtesy Copy - Designation of Record for Appeal Filed in Superior Court (Appellant)
5. 27-Oct-2025 ORDERED: Paula Collins transcript(s) dated 03/05/2024, 05/16/2024, 05/28/2024, 02/28/2025, 04/30/2025 due by 12/11/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Court Reporter Tara Kramer transcript(s) dated 04/21/2025, 10/15/2024 due by 12/11/2025.
6. 3-Nov-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 12/09/2024 - Comprehensive Pretrial Conference /Trial Orders (Colleen McCarty)
7. 7-Nov-2025 FILED: Motion to Waive Counsel (Appellant Pro Per)
8. 10-Nov-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/03/2025 - Sentencing (Tara L. Kramer)
9. 15-Nov-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/23/2025 - Jury Trial Day 1 (Robin Lawlor)
10. 19-Nov-2025 FILED: e-Record on Appeal: Instruments/Minute Entries: Combined Disposition Report: 105 Digital Exhibits: None sent with e-Record

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11. 19-Nov-2025 ORDERED: The Maricopa County Public Defender shall remain as advisory counsel for appellant in this appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: Staying appeal until 12/22/2025, revesting jurisdiction in superior court and authorizing that court to conduct a "Faretta-like hearing" (informing appellant of the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation) and to determine whether appellant's waiver of counsel on appeal is made knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. FURTHER ORDERED: Directing the clerk of the superior court to transmit to this court a certified copy of the superior court's written determination of appellant's waiver within five days after entry, marked for filing in this appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: Stay will be lifted automatically on 12/23/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: That this order does not affect court reporter obligations to prepare and timely file all transcripts due in this matter. FURTHER ORDERED: that, after the superior court makes its determination, this court will enter appropriate orders directing advisory counsel to provide paper copies of the transcripts and record on appeal to appellant. Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author
12. 19-Nov-2025 FILED: Additional Record on Appeal
Physical Exhibits:
Hearing Date: 06/05/2024 List # 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 20 21 24 25 26 27 28 29 in a manila envelope
Hearing Date: 10/03/2025 List # 1 in a manila envelope
Non-admitted Exhibits:
13. 19-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Motion to Waive Counsel (Appellant Pro Per) = GRANTED. ORDERED: Lifting this stay. FURTHER ORDERED: Granting appellant's motion for self-representation on appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: That the Maricopa County Public Defender remain as advisory counsel for appellant in this matter. FURTHER ORDERED: That upon completion of the record, advisory counsel must transmit to appellant a paper copy of the record on appeal, including transcripts, and file a copy of the transmittal letter with this court within five days. Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author
14. 24-Nov-2025 FILED: Request for Extension of Time to File Transcript (Wendy Ricard)
15. 25-Nov-2025 ORDERED: Request for Extension of Time to File Transcript (Wendy Ricard) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 12-01-2025 to Wednesday, 12-31-2025 (Transcript for 06/11/2024 by Reporter Wendy C Ricard) or OSC set on 01/07/2026 Hon David D Weinzweig - Author
16. 25-Nov-2025 AMENDED ORDER: Request for Extension of Time to File Transcript (Wendy Ricard) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 12-01-2025 to Wednesday, 12-31-2025 (Transcript for 06/11/2024 by Reporter Wendy C Ricard) or OSC set on 01/07/2026 (DISTRIBUTION ONLY) Hon David D Weinzweig - Author
17. 1-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/12/2024 - Trial Day 4 (Kimberly Portik)
18. 1-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/06/2024 - Trial Day 2 (Diane Donoho)
19. 1-Dec-2025 FILED: Request for Extension of Time to File Transcript (April Escobedo)
20. 2-Dec-2025 ORDERED: Request for Extension of Time to File Transcript (April Escobedo) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Monday, 12/01/2025 to Wednesday, 12/31/2025 for transcript dated 06/05/2024 or OSC set on 01/07/2026. Hon David D Weinzweig - Author
21. 8-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/15/2024 - Status Conference Re Sentencing (Tara L. Kramer)
22. 8-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 04/21/2025 - Status Conference Re Sentencing (Tara L. Kramer)
23. 11-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 07/17/2024 - Case Management Conference (Carol Dillon)
24. 11-Dec-2025 FILED: Returned US Mail, Order re: Extension dated 12/02/2025, addressed to James Charles Morris, Out to Court (Resent 12/10/2025)
25. 11-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/12/2025 - Trial Procedure Conference (Debra Carney)
26. 11-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 01/27/2025 - Status Conference (Nicole Tatlow)
27. 12-Dec-2025 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record
28. 13-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 02/26/2025 - Status Conference (Monica S Hill-Morrisette)
29. 13-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 07/28/2025 - Jury Trial (Monica S Hill-Morrisette)
30. 15-Dec-2025 ORDERED: Lifting this stay. FURTHER ORDERED: Granting appellant's motion for self-representation on appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: That the Maricopa County Public Defender remain as advisory counsel for appellant in this matter. FURTHER ORDERED: That upon completion of the record, advisory counsel must transmit to appellant a paper copy of the record on appeal, including transcripts, and file a copy of the transmittal letter with this court within five days. Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author
31. 16-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 02/28/2025 - Continuance (Kathleen Donohoe)
32. 16-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 05/16/2024 - Hearing (Emily Howard)
33. 16-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 03/05/2024 - Complex Case Management Conference (Amanda Simpson)
34. 16-Dec-2025 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 04/30/2025 - Status Conference (Kathleen Donohoe)

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35.	16-Dec-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 05/28/2024 - Continuance (Amanda Simpson)
36.	16-Dec-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 10/06/2025 - Not Guilty Arraignment Hearing (Tauna Juenger)
37.	23-Dec-2025	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 09/06/2023 - Not Guilty Arraignment Hearing (Tauna Juenger)
38.	29-Dec-2025	FILED: Request for Extension of Time to File Transcript (Wendy Ricard)
39.	30-Dec-2025	ORDERED: Request for Extension of Time to File Transcript (Wendy Ricard) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Wednesday, 12-31-2025 to Friday, 01-30-2026 (Transcript for 06/11/2024 by Reporter Wendy C Ricard) or OSC set on 02/04/2026 Hon David D Weinzweig - Author
40.	6-Jan-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/05/2024 - Trial - Day 1 (April Escobedo)
41.	8-Jan-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 09/06/2023 - Not Guilty Arraignment Hearing (Tauna Juenger)
42.	31-Jan-2026	FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 06/11/2024 - Trial - Day 3 (Wendy Ricard)
43.	2-Feb-2026	FILED: Notice of Completion of Record
44.	4-Feb-2026	FILED: Motion to Withdraw and Substitute New Counsel; Motion to Extend Opening Brief Due Date; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
45.	6-Feb-2026	ORDERED: Motion to Withdraw and Substitute New Counsel = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: Appointing attorney Michael Dew as advisory counsel for appellant in this appeal. FURTHER ORDERED: That the Maricopa County Public Defender must immediately forward all files, records, transcripts, and other documents that relate to this appeal to newly appointed counsel. FURTHER ORDERED: Motion to Extend Opening Brief Due Date (Appellant) = GRANTED. Due date EXTENDED from Thursday, 03-19-2026 to Monday, 05-04-2026 Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author
46.	18-Feb-2026	FILED: Advisory Counsel's Notice of Forwarding Documents on Appeal to Pro Se Defendant; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
47.	12-May-2026	ORDERED: The opening brief must be filed by 05/27/2026. Because appellant is representing himself on appeal, appellant is personally responsible for timely filing the brief. FURTHER ORDERED: If the brief is not filed by 05/27/2026, the court will dismiss the appeal. Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author