

**Court of Appeals, Division One**

**Criminal**

**1 CA-CR 26-0041**

**STATE v. COOK**

**Appellate Case Information**

Case Filed: 27-Jan-2026  
Case Closed:

**Dept/Composition**

Consolidated with: [1 CA-CR 26-0040](#)

**Side 1. STATE OF ARIZONA, Appellee**

(Litigant Group) STATE OF ARIZONA

- State of Arizona

**Attorneys for: Appellee**

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**Side 2. SEANTAIN LEROY COOK, Appellant**

(Litigant Group) SEANTAIN LEROY COOK

- Seantain Leroy Cook

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**CASE STATUS**

Mar 5, 2026.....Record Complete-Notice Completion Sent

PREDECESSOR CASE(S)	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
MAR CR2021-001949-001	Agg DUI-Lic Susp/Rev for DUI, Class 4; Agg DUI-Lic Susp/Rev for DUI, Class 4	10 years, ADCRR; 10 years, ADCRR	Tracy Renee Nadzieja, Sentencing	JURY	

**OPEN DUE DATE**

**Answering Brief Due**

**Due By:**

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Re: FILED: Appellants [sic] Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per)

**21 PROCEEDING ENTRIES**

- 27-Jan-2026 FILED: Notice of Appeal from Maricopa County Superior Court filed 09/29/25. Notification to Court Reporters dated 01/26/26.
- 27-Jan-2026 FILED: Appellate Clerk Notice (31.2(g))
- 28-Jan-2026 FILED: e-Record on Appeal:  
Instruments/Minute Entries: Combined  
Disposition Report: None  
Digital Exhibits: None sent with e-Record
- 29-Jan-2026 ORDERED: Appointing the Maricopa County Public Defender as advisory counsel for appellant. FURTHER ORDERED: Staying this appeal until 03/02/2026, and re-vesting jurisdiction in the Maricopa County Superior 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. See Faretta v. California, 422 U.S. 806, 834-35 (1975) (identifying factors for valid waiver of counsel); Coleman, 235 Ariz. at 198-99, ¶ 19 (requiring a "Faretta-like hearing" before accepting waiver of appellate counsel). 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: The stay will lift automatically on 03/03/2026. FURTHER ORDERED: Paula Collins transcript(s) due by 03/16/2026. FURTHER ORDERED: 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
- 27-Feb-2026 FILED: Reporter's Transcript - 09/15/2025 - Status Conference (Sophia Long)
- 2-Mar-2026 FILED: Supplemented Superior Court e-Record with Revised Index of Record (Maricopa County Superior Court Minute Entry, filed 02/27/2026, re: Court's written determination of appellant's waiver of counsel)
- 4-Mar-2026 FILED: Notice of Appearance-Advisory Counsel; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
- 5-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Granting Motion for Self-Representation = GRANTED. FURTHER ORDERED: That Mikel Steinfeld remain as advisory counsel for appellant in this matter. Mukai S Amoo - Author
- 5-Mar-2026 FILED: Notice of Completion of Record
- 10-Mar-2026 ORDERED: Consolidating cases 1 CA-CR 26-0040 and 1 CACR 26-0041. Case No. 1 CA-CR 26-0040 is designated the primary number, and all future documents filed in this appeal must use the caption shown on this order. FURTHER ORDERED: That the court will consider any objection to consolidation filed by 03/27/2026. Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author
- 13-Mar-2026 FILED: Returned US Mail, Order Granting Motion for Self Representation dated 03/05/2026, addressed to Seantain Cook, Forwarding Address (Resent 03/18/2026)

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12. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Appellant's Motion [sic] Modify Sentence (Appellant Pro Per)
13. 8-Apr-2026 FILED: Returned US Mail, Order Granting Motion for Self- Representation dated 03/05/2026 addressed to Seantain Leroy Cook (Return to Sender) (Resent 04/09/2026)
14. 17-Apr-2026 FILED: Appellants [sic] Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per)
15. 22-Apr-2026 ORDERED: Appellant's Motion [sic] Modify Sentence (Appellant Pro Per) = DENIED to the extent they seek an independent review and modification of appellant's sentences under A.R.S. § 13-4037. FURTHER ORDERED: That this order does not prevent the court from exercising its authority under A.R.S. § 13-4037 in connection with its review of appellant's sentences after this appeal is briefed and submitted for decision. Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author
16. 28-Apr-2026 FILED: Returned US Mail, Granting Motion for Self-Representation dated 03/05/2026, addressed to Seantain Leroy Cook, Unable to Forward (Resent 06/01/2026)
17. 21-May-2026 FILED: Appellants 1st Amended Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per)  
[Stricken per order filed on 05/28/2026]
18. 21-May-2026 FILED: Appellants Appendix 1st Amend Opening Brief (Appellant Pro Per)  
[Stricken per order filed on 05/28/2026]
19. 28-May-2026 FILED: Motion for Procedural Order to Reset Answering Brief Deadline; Certificate of Service (Appellee)
20. 28-May-2026 FILED: Returned US Mail, Order Granting Motion for Self-Representation dated 03/25/2026, addressed to Seantain Leroy Cook, unable to forward (Resent 6/1/2026)
21. 29-May-2026 ORDERED: Motion for Procedural Order to Reset Answering Brief Deadline (Appellee) = GRANTED and vacating the existing answering brief due date, and resetting the answering brief due date to 07/07/2026. Denise McGimsey ProTem Judge - Author