

Court of Appeals, Division One

Special Action

1 CA-SA 25-0220

LOPEZ v. STATE

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 5-Aug-2025

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Department A

Hon. Paul J McMurdie
Hon. Samuel A Thumma
Hon. Kent E Cattani

Side 1. LEILAH LOPEZ, Petitioner

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CASE STATUS

Jan 2, 2026.....Pending in ASC

Table with 6 columns: PREDECESSOR CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class, Judgment/Sentence, Judge, Role <Comments>, Trial, Dispo. Row 1: MAR, CR2023-008427-001, Kristin Culbertson, Authoring Judge of Order

Table with 2 columns: DESCENDENT CASE(S), Cause/Charge/Class. Row 1: ASC, CR-25-0349-PR

CASE DECISION

18-Nov-2025 OPINION

Paul McMurdie.....Author
Samuel Thumma.....Concur
Kent Cattani.....Concur

Filed: 18-Nov-2025 Mandate:

Table with 1 column: Decision Disposition. Content: Jurisdiction Accepted, Relief Granted in Part, Remand with Instructions

21 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 5-Aug-2025 FILED: Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance; Party Contact Information Sheet; Cover Sheet (Petitioner)
2. 5-Aug-2025 FILED: Copy of Order Re Counsel (re: Indigence) (Petitioner)
3. 5-Aug-2025 FILED: Special Action Clerk Notice (Assigned to Dept A, Judges McMurdie, Thumma, Cattani)
4. 5-Aug-2025 FILED: Special Action Stay Hearing Scheduling Requirements
5. 6-Aug-2025 ORDERED: Respondent file a response by 08/15/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Petitioner may file a reply by 08/22/2025. FURTHER ORDERED: Amending the caption as reflected above. All pleadings filed after this date must use the corrected caption. Hon Paul J McMurdie - Author
6. 15-Aug-2025 FILED: State's Response to Lopez's Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance for State's Response to Lopez's Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service for State's Response to Lopez's Petition for Special Action (Respondent)
7. 19-Aug-2025 ORDERED: setting case for conference on 10/14/25. FURTHER ORDERED: inviting Johnny Brazell to file an amicus brief no later than 8/27/25. Motions for extension of time or word count will not be entertained. Hon Paul J McMurdie - Author
8. 19-Aug-2025 ORDERED: Setting oral argument on 10/14/25 at 11:00 am in Courtroom 1. Hon Paul J McMurdie - Author

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9.	22-Aug-2025	FILED: Reply to Response to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Service for Reply to State's Response to Petition for Special Action; Certificate of Compliance for Reply to State's Response to Petition for Special Action (Petitioner)
10.	27-Aug-2025	FILED: Amicus Brief by Co-Defendant Johnny Brazell; Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Amicus Curiae)
11.	16-Sep-2025	FILED: Notice of Oral Argument
12.	16-Sep-2025	FILED: Return Receipt for Notice of Oral Argument, Signed by Alicia Dominguez on 09/16//2025 (Petitioner)
13.	22-Sep-2025	FILED: Return Receipt for Notice Oral Argument, signed by Julie Done on 09/22/2025 (Respondent)
14.	14-Oct-2025	FILED: Sign-in Sheet/Case is Under Advisement as of 10/14/25
15.	18-Nov-2025	OPINION (Jurisdiction Accepted, Relief Granted in Part, Remand with Instructions) Hon Paul J McMurdie - Author; Hon Samuel A Thumma - Concur; Hon Kent E Cattani - Concur
16.	18-Nov-2025	FILED: Decision Distribution Notification
17.	3-Dec-2025	FILED: State's Motion for Reconsideration of Paragraph 14 In This Court's Lopez V. State, --- P.3d ---, 1 CA-SA 25-0220, 2025 WL 3210517 (App. Nov. 18, 2025), Opinion.; Certificate of Compliance for State's Motion for Reconsideration of Paragraph 14 In This Court's Lopez V. State, --- P.3d ---, 1 CA-SA 25-0220, 2025 WL 3210517 (App. Nov. 18, 2025), Opinion.; Certificate of Service for State's Motion for Reconsideration of Paragraph 14 In This Court's Lopez V. State, --- P.3d ---, 1 CA-SA 25-0220, 2025 WL 3210517 (App. Nov. 18, 2025), Opinion. (Respondent)
18.	10-Dec-2025	ORDERED: State's Motion for Reconsideration of Paragraph 14 In This Court's Lopez V. State, --- P.3d ---, 1 CA-SA 25-0220, 2025 WL 3210517 (App. Nov. 18, 2025), Opinion. (Respondent) = DENIED. Hon Paul J McMurdie - Author
19.	2-Jan-2026	FILED: Email Notice from ASC re: Petition for Review filed 12/24/2025; request for partial record
20.	2-Jan-2026	FILED: Letter forwarding partial record to Arizona Supreme Court
21.	15-Jan-2026	FILED: ASC Order filed 01/15/2026 re: Petitioner Response to Petition for Review Due Date.