

Arizona Supreme Court
Criminal Petition for Review - Appeal

CR-26-0160-PR

STATE OF ARIZONA v GARY LENALL COX

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 4-Jun-2026
Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. STATE OF ARIZONA, Appellee

(Litigant Group) STATE OF ARIZONA

- State of Arizona

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Side 2. GARY LENALL COX, Appellant

(Litigant Group) GARY LENALL COX

- Gary Lenall Cox

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Side 3. Arizona Voice for Crime Victims, Crime Victim

(Litigant Group) Arizona Voice for Crime Victims

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CASE STATUS

Jun 4, 2026.....Pending

PREDECESSOR CASE(S)	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
1 CA 1 CA-CR 24-0550					
⚡ MAR CR2021-002262-001	Murder 1st Deg-Premeditated, Class 1; Kidnap-Death/Inj/Sex/Aid Fel, Class 2; Tamp W/Phy Evid-Destroy/Alter, Class 6	Life; 28 Years; 4.50 Years	Mark H Brain, Sentencing Comments: (none)	JURY	

10 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1.	4-Jun-2026	FILED: Respectful Motion RE: Request for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review RE: Court of Appeals [Division-One's] Opinion-Decision Denying Petitioner's Opening-Direct Appeal Pursuant to Ariz. R. Crim. P. Rule 31.21(b) (Appellant Cox, Pro Se)
2.	4-Jun-2026	RECEIVED: Letter From Petitioner RE: Motion for Extension of Time
3.	9-Jun-2026	FILED: Letter of Notice Re Mail Log (Rec'd from CofA 1 on 06/09/2026) (Petitioner Cox, Pro Se)
4.	10-Jun-2026	The Memorandum Decision issued on April 10, 2026, and the Decision Distribution Notification in the Court of Appeals reflects that the Memorandum Decision was distributed to the parties, including advisory counsel, and mailed to Appellant Gary Lenall Cox. The Court of Appeals denied Appellant's Motion for Reconsideration on May 14, 2026, and the distribution reflects that order was distributed to advisory counsel and mailed to Appellant on May 14, 2026. The deadline for filing a petition for review was May 29, 2026. The Mandate issued on June 4, 2026. The Clerk in this Court docketed a letter from Appellant on June 4, 2026 (dated May 27, 2026) explaining that although he had received a copy of the Order denying his Motion for Reconsideration on May 27, 2026, from advisory counsel, he had not received the copy mailed directly to him. The Clerk also docketed Appellant's "Respectful Motion Re: Request for Extension of Time to File Petition for Review..." (also dated May 27, 2026 and mailed June 2, 2026) requesting a 30-day extension. Good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED granting the motion. The Petition for Review is due no later than July 14, 2026. No further extensions will be granted lacking exceptional circumstances. The failure to file a timely petition for review may result in dismissal without further notice. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing the Clerk of the Court of Appeals to withdraw the Mandate. (Hon. John R Lopez IV)
5.	16-Jun-2026	FILED: Supplemental Motion & Notice RE: Previous Submitted Motion for for Extension to File Petition for Review (treated at a Supplement to the Motoi for Extension of Time (Appellant Cox, Pro Se)
6.	25-Jun-2026	FILED: Respectful Notice of Reception of Supreme Court Order (Appellant Cox, Pro Se)
7.	16-Jul-2026	FILED: Cover Letter (Treated as a Motion to Exceed Pagination) (Appellant Cox, Pro Se)
8.	16-Jul-2026	FILED: Petition for Review (Petitioner Cox, Pro Se)

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| 9. | 17-Jul-2026 | <p>On July 16, 2026, Appellant Cox, pro se, filed a "Cover Letter (Treated as a Motion to Exceed Pagination)" and a 25 page petition for review. Under Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, 31.6(e) and Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, Rule 6(b), a motion for a procedural order must include a statement by the moving party of whether the other parties consent to, or object to, the entry of the order that is sought; or why the moving party was unable to contact the other parties before filing the motion. Further, the caption of a motion for procedural order must include the words, "Motion for Procedural Order." The motion is non-compliant in these respects, and Appellant Cox is cautioned to follow the rules of court in future filings.</p> <p>Nonetheless, the Clerk of the Court having been authorized by the Supreme Court to enter orders granting or denying requests for extended pagination,</p> <p>IT IS ORDERED granting Appellant's motion to exceed the page limit on the petition for review by 12.5 pages for a total of 25 pages. The petition for review will be filed as of July 16, 2026. (Aaron C. Nash, Clerk)</p> |
| 10. | 20-Jul-2026 | <p>FILED: Record from CofA: Electronic Record</p> |