

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

STATE OF ARIZONA,)	Arizona Supreme Court
)	No. CR-13-0282-AP
Appellee,)	
)	Maricopa County
v.)	Superior Court
)	No. CR2003-038541-001
AARON BRIAN GUNCHES,)	
)	FILED 3/13/2025
Appellant.)	
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O R D E R

On March 12, 2025, pursuant to its discretion under the Ariz. Const. art. 6, § 5 and A.R.S. § 12-2021, see also Ariz. R.P. Spec. Act. 6, 11, and 12, the Court stated it will consider Appellant Aaron Brian Gunches' *Motion to Order ADCRR to Allow Mr. Gunches' Witnesses to Witness the Execution* ("Motion") in the first instance.

Accordingly, on the Court's own motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry ("ADCRR") provide the two potential witnesses named on Appellant's Form 710-2, submitted by Appellant on March 6, 2025, with the "Official Witness Agreement" (Form 710-6) and begin the process of conducting the necessary background checks and security clearances of Appellant's two witnesses,¹ to ensure the background checks and security clearances necessary for approval of Appellant's witnesses by Director Thornell are completed as soon as

¹ The Court understands that Dale Baich, Appellant's third witness to attend the execution was previously approved by the ADCRR Director as Appellant's defense team witness.

