

# ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Appellee,

v.

AARON BRIAN GUNCHES,

Appellant.

No. CR-13-0282-AP

Maricopa County Superior Court

No. CR 2003-038541-001

**NOTICE OF FILING RETURN  
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 13-759(B)**

[CAPITAL CASE]

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-759(B), the State provides the attached letter from the Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation & Reentry regarding the imposition of the sentence of death in this case.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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