

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

ABELARDO CHAPARRO,)
) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. CV-19-0205-CQ
 Petitioner,)
) United States District
 v.) Court
) No. CV-19-00650-PHX-DWL(MH
 CHARLES L. RYAN,)
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 Defendant.)
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FILED 09/24/2019

O R D E R

The following action was taken by the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona regarding the above-referenced cause:

IT IS ORDERED accepting jurisdiction of the Certified Question.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED a filing fee of \$420 must be paid to the Arizona Supreme Court within five days. The payment of this filing fee shall be shared equally by the parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this case shall be set for oral argument. Each side will be allowed 15 minutes for argument in this case. Counsel shall be advised of the date and time of oral argument when the hearing date is determined.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the parties may submit simultaneous supplemental briefs, not to exceed 20 pages in length, no later than 20 days from the date of this Order pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 27, addressing:

Whether, in light of A.R.S. § 41-1604.09, a person convicted of

first-degree murder following a jury trial for actions that took place on or after January 1, 1994, is parole eligible after 25 years when his sentence states that he is sentenced to "life without possibility of parole for 25 years."

DATED this 24th day of September, 2019.

_____/s/_____
Robert Brutinel
Chief Justice

TO:

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