



Supreme Court

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September 6, 2007

RE: RULE 20, ARIZONA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
Arizona Supreme Court No. R-07-0004

GREETINGS:

The following action was taken by the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona on August 27, 2007, in regard to the above-referenced cause:

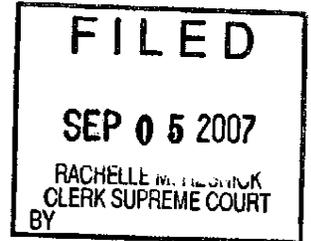
ORDERED: [Sua Sponte Petition to Amend Rule 20, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure] = ADOPTED, effective January 1, 2008.

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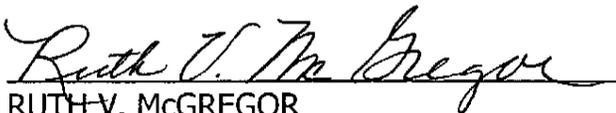


ORDER AMENDING
RULE 20, ARIZONA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 20, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, be amended in accordance with the attachment hereto,* effective as of January 1, 2008.

DATED in the City of Phoenix, Arizona at the Arizona Courts Building, this 5th day of September, 2007.

For the Court:


RUTH V. MCGREGOR
Chief Justice

* Changes or additions in text are indicated by underscoring and deletions from text are indicated by ~~strikeouts~~.

ARIZONA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

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Rule 20. JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL

a. Before Verdict. On motion of a defendant or on its own initiative, the court shall enter a judgment of acquittal of one or more offenses charged in an indictment, information or complaint after the evidence on either side is closed, if there is no substantial evidence to warrant a conviction. In an aggravation hearing ~~in a capital case~~, after the evidence on either side is closed, on a motion of a defendant or on its own initiative, the court shall enter a judgment that an aggravating circumstance was not proven if there is no substantial evidence to warrant the allegation. The court's decision on a defendant's motion shall not be reserved, but shall be made with all possible speed.

b. [No change in text.]

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