



Gila County Superior Court

PUBLIC INTEREST CASES

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<http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/caselookup.aspx>

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<http://supreme.state.az.us/gilasc/>

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http://72.24.204.138:8080/gila_public/ev_srch.action

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Diversion/Deferred Program

It is the policy of the Gila County Attorney's Office to offer some first time felony offenders an opportunity to avoid having a felony conviction on their permanent criminal history if they successfully participate and complete the Diversion or Deferred Prosecution Program.

For a full explanation of this program, please visit the County Attorney's web page at the following link:

http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/county_attorney/diversion_deferred_program.php

PENDING CASES

- CRIMINAL CASES -

Defendant:	Gasoa BALAS a.k.a. Joshua BALAS	Case #:	CR2012-382
Prosecutor:	Daisy Flores	Defense:	Michael Bernays
Judge:	Gary V. Scales <i>for Peter J. Cahill</i>	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	February 4, 2013, @ 9:00	Status Hearing	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with causing the death of a minor. Other charges include assaulting a law enforcement officer, attempting to flee from a pursuing law enforcement vehicle, while driving without a license, and under the influence of alcohol and drugs.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Second Degree Murder	Class 1 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Child Abuse / Domestic Violence	Class 3 Felony	
	Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault on Police Officer	Class 2 Felony	
	Ct. 4 - Unlawful Flight from Pursuing Law Enforcement	Class 5 Felony	
	Ct. 5 - Aggravated DUI	Class 4 Felony	
	Ct. 6 - Aggravated DUI w/License Suspended	Class 4 Felony	
	Ct. 7 - Aggravated DUI – Drugs w/License Suspended	Class 4 Felony	

Defendant:	James Harry BROWN	Case #:	CR2012-107
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Ronald DeBrigida
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	January 14, 2013, @ 11:00	Pretrial Conference	in PAYSON
	January 23, 2013, @ 9:30	Jury Trial	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with burglarizing a residential structure, and stealing a several items, including appliances, welding equipment, ammunition and firearms, amongst other items, and also causing damage to the residence.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Burglary in the 2 nd Degree	Class 3 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Burglary in the 3 rd Degree	Class 4 Felony	
	Ct. 3 - Theft	Class 3 Felony	
	Ct. 4 - Criminal Damage	Class 2 Misdemeanor	

PENDING CASES - CRIMINAL CASES -

Defendant:	Eugene F. WULLKOTTE, II	Case #:	CR2012-195
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Michael Bernays
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	January 22, 2013, @11:00	Pre-Trial Conference	in PAYSON
	February 5, 2013, @ 9:30	Jury Trial	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	January 2012, the Defendant allegedly committed an assault, which caused temporary, but substantial disfigurement, loss or impairment to the victim.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated Assault/Temporary Substantial Disfigurement	Class 4 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Aggravated Assault/Temporary Substantial Disfigurement	Class 4 Felony	

PENDING CASES

- CIVIL CASES -

Plaintiff:	Dorothea HAWK	Defendant:	Rodney ANDERSON ANDERSON CHIROPATRIC CLINIC
Case #:	CV2009-346		
Attorney for Plaintiff:	Lloyd & Robinson	Attorney for Defendant:	Sanders & Parks
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	NO HEARING DATES AT THIS TIME		
Case Notes:	The Defendant is accused of negligence in the care of Ken Hawk, which it is alleged, ultimately caused the death of Mr. Hawk. The Plaintiff is suing for damages.		
Complaint:	Ct. 1 - Wrongful Death		

Plaintiff:	Linda Sue MORRIS & Richard Allen MORRIS	Defendant:	RIM COUNTRY REHAB, INC. dba RIM COUNTRY HEALTH & RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
Case #:	CV2011-101		
Attorney for Plaintiff:	Lloyd & Robinson	Attorney for Defendant:	Checkett Law Firm, PLLC
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	March 20, 2013, @ 9:30 am	Jury Trial (Est 5 days)	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	The Defendant is accused of negligence in their duty of care of the Plaintiff while the Plaintiff was in their employment. As a result, Plaintiff alleges that she suffered bodily injury inflicted by a resident patient of the Defendant. The Plaintiff is suing for damages.		
Complaint:	Ct. 1 - Alleges: Defendant failed or otherwise breached a duty of care to Plaintiff Ct. 2 - Alleges: Due to Defendants negligence, Plaintiff has suffered loss of the marital community.		

CASES SET FOR TRIAL

Defendant:	David Eric MIKULAK	Case #:	CR2012-009
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Jason Squires
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	January 30, 2013	Jury Trial	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with several counts of aggravated assault including domestic violence, alleged to have been committed in January 2011.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Conspiracy to Sell a Dangerous Drug		Class 2 Felony
	Ct. 2 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia		Class 6 Felony

Defendant:	Randy Alen ZIMMER	Case #:	CR2011-522 CR2012-306
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Ronald DeBrigida
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	January 15, 2013	Jury Trial	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with several counts of aggravated assault including domestic violence, alleged to have been committed in January 2011.		
Indictment:	CR2011-522		
	Ct. 1 - Aggravated Assault		Class 6 Felony
	Ct. 2 - Aggravated Assault/Domestic Violence		Class 6 Felony
	Ct.3 - Aggravated Assault		Class 6 Felony
	Ct. 4. - Aggravated Assault		Class 6 Felony
	CR2012-306		
	Ct. 1 - Aggravated Assault/Dangerous Crime Against Children		Class 2 Felony

CASES SET FOR SENTENCING

Defendant:	Roderick Arnett MANNING	Case #:	CR2011-157
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Michael Freeman
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	January 8, 2013,	Change of Plea	in PAYSON
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with possession of Marijuana of an amount greater than 4lbs, with the intent to sell.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Possession of Marijuana For Sale/above 4lbs		Class 2 Felony
	Ct. 2 - Conspiracy to Commit Possession of Marijuana For Sale		Class 2 Felony
DISPOSITION:	PLEA		
SENTENCING:	February 8, 2013, @ 10:00	SENTENCING	in GLOBE

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant: Andrew James HARGIS	Case #: CR2011-589										
Prosecutor: Daisy Flores	Defense: Michael Bernays										
Judge: Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court: Division I										
Case Notes: It is alleged that on October 25, 2011, the Defendant conspired to cause the death of William Sweatt. Other charges include committing an assault upon the victim with a knife.											
Indictment:	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Ct. 1 - Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">Class 1 Felony</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ct. 2 - Attempted First Degree Murder</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Class 2 Felony</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ct. 3 - Burglary 1st Degree</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Class 2 Felony</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ct. 4 - Aggravated Assault</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Class 3 Felony</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ct. 5 - Endangerment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Class 1 Misdemeanor</td> </tr> </table>	Ct. 1 - Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder	Class 1 Felony	Ct. 2 - Attempted First Degree Murder	Class 2 Felony	Ct. 3 - Burglary 1 st Degree	Class 2 Felony	Ct. 4 - Aggravated Assault	Class 3 Felony	Ct. 5 - Endangerment	Class 1 Misdemeanor
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Defendant:	Christina Ann BROWN	Case #:	CR2011-003
Prosecutor:	Raymond Geiser	Defense:	Parker Evan Bornmann
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and drugs, with a child under the age of 15 present in the vehicle.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated DUI – w/Child Present	Class 6 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Aggravated DUI – Drugs – w/Child Present	Class 6 Felony	
DISPOSITION:	JURY TRIAL - commenced on September 19, 2012		
VERDICT:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated DUI – w/Child Present	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
	Ct. 2 - Aggravated DUI – Drugs – w/Child Present	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
SENTENCING:	DECEMBER 14, 2012,	SENTENCING	
CONVICTION:	CT. 1 - AGGRAVATED DUI – W/CHILD PRESENT Class 6 Felony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentenced to Department Of Corrections – 9 Months CT. 2 - AGGRAVATED DUI – DRUGS – W/CHILD PRESENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentenced to Department Of Corrections – 9 Months • Community Supervision • Fines and Fees 		

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Defendant: Sarah Michelle RYAN	Case #: CR2011-566								
Prosecutor: Ramai Alvarez Lacey Cooper	Defense: Ronald DeBrigida								
Judge: Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court: Division I								
Case Notes: Defendant charged with the neglect and of knowingly allowing a situation that would cause risk of physical injury to a minor under the age of 16, and influencing a potential witness.									
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