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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARLENA MINERVA WILLES
(001),

Defendant.

No. CR2019-005397-001

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR
POST-CONVICTION RELIEF**

(Honorable DEWAIN FOX)

1. Information About Defendant:

Defendant's Name: Arlena Minerva Willes

Defendant's Prison Number (if any): NA

Defendant's Address:

6451 W. Bell Rd., Apt. 2117

Glendale, AZ 85308

480-651-2799

2. Information About Defendant's Conviction and Sentence:

- a. Defendant was convicted in CR2019-005397-001 of two counts of Child Abuse, a Class 2 felony.

- b. Following a jury trial, the Honorable Geoffrey Fish sentenced Defendant on July 26, 2021, to ten years of supervised probation with no initial or deferred jail.
3. Defendant has taken the following actions to secure relief from his convictions or sentences:
- a. Direct Appeal: Yes No
- i. Defendant represented herself on appeal. After reviewing the issues and discussing them with advisory counsel, Defendant elected not to file an issue brief in this case. The Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal April 6, 2022.
- b. Previous Rule 32 Proceedings: Yes No
4. Defendant was represented by the following lawyers (provide name of counsel and counsel's address, if known) at:
- a. Trial and Sentencing: Rick Tosto
- b. Appeal (if any): N/A
- c. Previous Rule 32 Proceedings (if any): N/A
5. Does the defendant want the court to appoint a lawyer for this proceeding?
 Yes No

I am requesting post-conviction relief on behalf of Arlena Minerva Willes.

May 2, 2022
Date

/s/ Dawnese C. Hustad
Deputy Public Defender

AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

I have requested the appointment of a lawyer to represent the defendant in post-conviction relief proceedings. **The Maricopa County Public Defender's Office has a conflict of interest in providing representation in this PCR proceeding due to the nature of potential claims that may be raised. Therefore, appointment of an alternate indigent defense agency or contracted attorney is requested.** I avow that to the best of my knowledge and belief the defendant is indigent. He/she was represented at trial and on appeal by appointed counsel and, to the best of counsel's knowledge, because of his/her poverty he/she is financially unable to pay for the cost of a lawyer without incurring substantial hardship.

May 2, 2022
Date

/s/ Dawnese C. Hustad
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