

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CR2008-031021-001 DT

10/01/2013

HON. SHERRY K. STEPHENS

CLERK OF THE COURT
J. Porter
Deputy

STATE OF ARIZONA

JUAN M MARTINEZ

v.

JODI ANN ARIAS (001)

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MINUTE ENTRY

The parties have agreed the pretrial hearings/oral arguments scheduled for October 4, 2013 and October 18, 2013 should be closed to the public. The court finds an open proceeding for these pretrial hearings presents a clear and present threat to the due administration of justice, specifically the right of the parties to a fair penalty phase trial by an impartial jury. The court finds there is a compelling interest that overcomes the right of public access, specifically, there is a substantial probability that publication of information provided during these court hearings (through evidence or argument) could taint the jury pool and significantly impact the parties' ability to effectively present matters at trial. The court also finds that, in light of the intense media coverage of this case, there is no less restrictive means to achieve these compelling interests. Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED closing the hearings scheduled for October 4, 2013 and October 18, 2013.