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In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona
In and for the County of Apache

STATE OF ARIZONA, Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTIAN RYAN ROMERO, A person under the age of eighteen (18) years.	NO. JV2008-065 Request for Appointment of Educational Advisor

The State, through its County Attorney, Michael B. Whiting, respectfully requests the Court appoint an education advisor. Specifically, The State's Attorney has been discussing the treatment recommendations submitted by both appointed psychiatrists. Both doctors have indicated some lack of familiarity with treatment facilities outside of the state of Arizona, which appear to be the only ones suitable for the recommended treatment.

Because the State and the Court are also unfamiliar with the appropriate treatment centers located outside of the state of Arizona an educational advisor seems is recommended by both doctors. After various discussions with several individuals in this field, both doctors recommend the appointment of W. Judge Mason. The State concurs with this recommendation. Mr. Mason holds a masters degree in English: Literature, Theory, and Composition. His practice as an educational advisor for many

years; with clients ranging from Court appointed and special advocacy children to very wealthy clients who seek educational assistance and guidance for their children; will aid the Court, State, and defense in locating, assessing, and continually evaluating such facility.

The cost associated with Mr. Mason's services is a "flat-fee" of three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500.00). Upon payment of such fee, Mr. Mason will prepare an outline and detailed recommendation including various options regarding cost and educational needs. Generally a spreadsheet is prepared which correlates the educational services with the associated costs.

In the current case it is expected that Mr. Mason will review the evaluations of Dr. Cady, Dr. Johnson, and the sealed evaluations and treatment recommendations from Dr. Uram and Dr. Scialli. Upon review of the above mentioned reports, Mr. Mason will develop a specific plan, implementing the recommendations and limitations set forth in the above-mentioned reports. These options will then be communicated to the State, Court, and defense counsel and include such factors as cost and educational services, location, etc. His services are dedicated to the juvenile from the time the service begins until the juvenile reaches the age of eighteen. Accordingly, he will be available to discuss the educational needs, facility costs and requirements and any other matters with the Court, the State, the defense, or the child's parent or guardian, until the juvenile reaches the age of eighteen.

In the several meetings held between all parties involved in this matter, there has been some confusion and legitimate questions regarding the cost and availability of facilities. Because this is a critical matter that has gone on for a number of months after the entry of plea, this appointment is requested to streamline the process, allow disposition to occur, and begin the juvenile's treatment and education. Therefore, the

State requests the Court appoint Mr. Mason as an educational advisor for the fee of $3,500.00, whose services shall be available until the juvenile reaches the age of eighteen.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of October, 2009.

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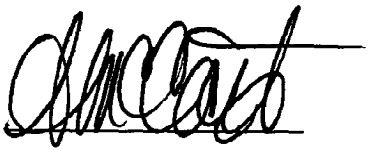
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