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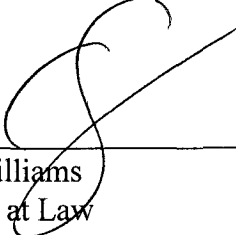
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI**

STATE OF ARIZONA,)	P1300CR201600476
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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	MOTION IN LIMINE:
)	Craig Comstock
ANTHONY RICHARDS,)	
)	
Defendant.)	(Hon. Tina Ainley, Div. 3)
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The Defendant, through undersigned Counsel, hereby moves in limine to preclude the state’s witness Craig Comstock from providing testimony regarding hearsay from the hearsay hotline and/or *character attacks* on the Defendant, whether solicited or not.

During the Defense interview with Mr. Comstock on February 21, 2020, he referred to the Defendant as “the murderer” and provided details provided to him either by Joan Shattuck or law enforcement. Details he did not know on his own. It is clear that Mr. Comstock was a part of the hearsay hotline. The repetition of that hearsay – which is entirely anti-Defendant – cannot be allowed at Trial. All of the state’s witnesses should be admonished to not to repeat hearsay, nor mention their opinions regarding guilt, nor offer negative character evidence while testifying. The reference to the Defendant as “the murderer,” and use of character evidence to show that someone is a bad man, and therefore acted in conformity with the accusations is *improper*. (Bell v. State, 143 Ariz. 305, 310, 693 P.2d 960, 965 (Ct. App. 1984)).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on February 25, 2020.



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Copies of the foregoing delivered and/or faxed this date to:
Hon. Tina Ainley, Judge of the Superior Court
Josh Fisher, Yavapai County Attorney

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