



Office of the Attorney General
State of Arizona

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Office of Victim Services

Current Status: September 20, 2005

Re: State v. Crotts; Grabinski; CR#2001-006183

*** Please Note Change in Courtroom Location ***

On September 14, 2005, co-defendant Harold D. Friend plead guilty to (Amended) Count 31: Attempting to Assist a Criminal Syndicate, a class 5 felony. By law, the defendant will be subject to a possible penalty range of .5 years minimum to 2.5 years maximum imprisonment. Probation **is** available.

The plea agreement also stipulated to the following additional terms:

- The defendant agrees to testify upon request of the Attorney General, fully, completely and in a truthful manner at any deposition, interview, meeting, trial or re-trial, and any other proceeding directly or indirectly relating to the criminal proceeding which has been filed against William Pierre Crotts, Thomas D. Grabinski, and Lawrence Dwain Hoover.
- The sentencing will be continued until after the cooperation provisions of the plea have been satisfied.
- No agreements as to sentencing except Defendant agrees to pay a fine of \$150,000.00 plus a 60% surcharge to be designated as restitution.

Last week, the Attorney Generals Office participated in a successful special action proceeding in the Arizona Court of Appeals, which was brought to enforce the B.F.A. victims' constitutional right to be present during the trial. The Court of Appeals ordered that "the trial court must provide a means for such victims to attend the proceedings." The Attorney General's Office would like to emphasize to the victims that crime victims have a state constitutional right to attend the trial and any corresponding sentencing proceedings.

Current Court Calendar: As of September 20, 2005

Opening arguments will be held on **September 22, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** before the Honorable Kenneth L. Fields, Maricopa County Superior Court, Central Court Building (CCB), 4th Floor, 201 West Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003.

There will **not** be trial proceedings on Friday, September 23, 2005 or Monday, September 26, 2005.

The trial will resume on **Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** before the Honorable Kenneth L. Fields in the above referenced courtroom.

You have a lawful right to attend the trial. *If you are planning to attend any or all of the trial proceedings, please contact our office by email at bfa@azag.gov or letter to Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services, Attn: BFA Advocate, 1275 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Your assistance with this matter will help assure that all victims who wish to do so may view the proceedings.*

If your testimony is necessary at the trial, you will be contacted by the Assistant Attorney General's Office. It is possible that plea negotiations may begin at any time before the trial date. If this happens, we will notify you of the plea negotiations and of the rights you are entitled to regarding plea negotiations.

During the trial, it is anticipated that there will be many additions or changes to the court calendar, including the courtroom location for the trial. As a reminder the most up to date information can be obtained on the BFA website at www.azag.gov or the BFA helpline at (602) 364-1275 or if you are outside Maricopa County, (866) 823-6577. We encourage you to rely on these sources for the current status of this case.