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IN THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF,

**PETITION TO AMEND
RULE 214, [Incorporation of
Criminal Rule 39 into Juvenile
Court]**

**Supreme Court No. R-25-
0054**

**COMMENT TO PETITION
AMEND RULE 214,
[INCORPORATING
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
RULE 39 INTO JUVENILE
COURT]**

Pursuant to Rule 28(D), Rules of the Supreme Court, Chris Phillis on behalf of the Pinal Public Defender's Office respectfully submits this Comment for the Court's consideration.

I. Reasons Proposed Rule Amendments Should Be Adopted.

The Pinal County Public Defender's Office supports proposed Rule change R-25-0054 — Rule 214 — Incorporation of Criminal Rule 39 into Juvenile Court. The Victim's Bill of Rights affords the victim the ability to refuse an interview by defense counsel. The Right belongs to the victim. The prosecutor or their victim advocate is responsible for contacting the victim regarding the requested interview. The position of the victim will be honored. However, the request must be timely communicated to the victim for the victim to effectively utilize their right. A delay in communicating the request to the victim would usurp the victim's right, due to the short time lines between the Advisory and Adjudication Hearing.

As pointed out in the petition, the proposed Rule's 10 days limit is consistent with other shorten time lines such as Rule 210, Discovery, and Rule 216, Motions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Thursday, April 23, 2026.

/s/ Chris Phillis

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