

HIGH PROFILE MEMO FROM ELIZABETH LAKE

Suspect/Defendant: Francis Salazar, DOB: [REDACTED]
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Law Enforcement Agency: Phoenix Police Department, 201302308942

MCSO Booking Number: A611875

Court No.: CR2013-462384-001

PbK No.: 0895931

Charges:

Count: 1 Possession Or Use Of Narcotic Drugs, F4

Count: 2 Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia, F6

Case Summary:

On 12/31/13, defendant was the passenger in a car that was pulled over for expired/non-displayed plates. Driver was DOSL and def had no DL, so both occupants were ordered out of the car. Car was impounded and inventoried. Officers found a crack pipe shoved between the passenger seat and center console. When confronted, defendant first said the pipe did not belong to her, then said she would "take responsibility" for it.

Case posture:

Defendant was convicted at trial in August of 2016. In February of 2017, Officer Armour was added to the Rule 15DD for conduct that occurred and was fully investigated but **not** made available to MCAO prior to trial. In June 2018, the defendant succeeded in a petition for post-conviction relief (PCR) and was granted a new trial for *Brady* violations. MCAO conducted a new evaluation of the case and determined that, given the officer's credibility problems not known at the time of the first trial, the state no longer had a reasonable likelihood of conviction. The state then moved to vacate judgment and dismiss the case.