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## **PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY BARBARA LAWALL ANNOUNCES GRAND JURY CHARGES IN STATE V. RICHTER**

TUCSON, ARIZONA -Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall announced that the 245th Grand Jury returned a true bill indicting Fernando Hernandez Richter and Sophia Leann Richter on nine counts, including kidnapping, aggravated assault, and child abuse. The potential sentencing ranges are as follows:

### **Fernando Richter**

- Count One and Two: Kidnapping, Class 2 felony, Alleged as a Dangerous Crime against Children (DCAC) 10-17-24, requires mandatory flat prison time for each count, consecutive to each other and any other sentence imposed
- Count Three: Kidnapping, Class 2 felony, 3-4-5-10-12.5 (probation available)
- Count Four and Five: Aggravated Assault Dangerous Weapon/Dangerous Instrument, Class 2 felony, DCAC 10-17-24, mandatory flat prison time for each count, consecutive to each other and any other sentence imposed
- Count Six: Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, Class 5 felony, .5-.75-1.5-2-2.5 (probation available)
- Counts Seven, Eight, and Nine: Child Abuse, Class 4 felony, 1-1.5-2.5-3-3.75 (probation available)

### **Sophia Richter**

- Counts One and Two: Kidnapping, Class 2 felony, DCAC 10-17-24, requires mandatory flat prison time for each count, consecutive to each other and any other sentence imposed
- Count Three: Kidnapping, Class 2 felony, 3-4-5-10-12.5 (probation available)
- Counts Four, Five, and Six: Child Abuse, Class 4 felony, 1-1.5-2.5-3-3.75 (probation available)

The next court appearance for the Richters will be December 13, 2013, a Superior Court Arraignment, at which time a trial date will be set. A copy of the indictment is attached.

A significant majority of the criminal conduct occurred in the jurisdiction of Pinal County. Ms. LaWall has spoken with Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles and the acts not covered in the Pima County indictment will be reviewed for prosecution by the Pinal County Attorney's Office.

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