

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

State of Alaska,

Petitioner,

v.

The Estate of Harry Powell,

Respondent.

Supreme Court No. **S-18076**

Order

Petition for Hearing

Date of Order: **1/12/2022**

Court of Appeals No. A-13326

Trial Court Case No. 3AN-17-07280CR

Before: Winfree, Chief Justice, Maassen, Carney, Borghesan, and Henderson, Justices

On consideration of the Petition for Hearing filed on **5/17/2021**, and the response filed on **11/1/2021**,

IT IS ORDERED:

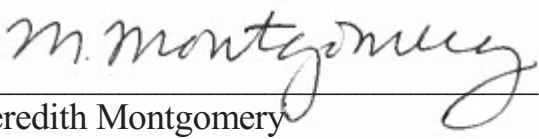
The petition for hearing is **GRANTED**. The granting of the petition should not be understood to convey any opinion of the court on the merits of the issue presented by the petition; rather, the court recognizes that the issue presented involves a significant legal question with substantial public importance. The court is aware that the Legislative Affairs Agency's December 2021 Report to the Thirty-Second Legislature included a summary of the court of appeals' decision and stated that "unless the legislature intends to allow the admission of recorded child interviews in grand jury proceedings[,] legislative review is not recommended. Mr. Powell now is deceased and the underlying proceedings are no longer ongoing, rendering it unnecessary to expedite a decision on the merits of the petition. The issue raised in the petition centers on legislative enactments, and the legislature has been advised of the court of appeals' decision and potential legislative action in response to that

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decision. Legislative action in response to the court of appeals' decision may render the petition moot in whole or in part. Accordingly, further proceedings are **STAYED** pending completion of the upcoming legislative session.

Entered at the direction of the court.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts



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