

What is the Difference between a Life Sentence and a Natural Life Sentence in Arizona?

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Many people get confused when distinguishing a life sentence from a natural life sentence, as they sound extremely similar. Countless people think that they mean the same thing. However, that is not the case; there is a big difference between the two prison sentences.

When a defendant is sentenced to life in prison, they will be eligible for parole after they have served 25 years behind bars.

Contrastingly, an offender who is given a natural life prison sentence will live the rest of their life in a jail cell, until the day that they die.

These sentences are very harsh and are normally reserved for Arizona offenders who have committed serious and often violent crimes.

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