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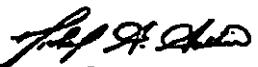
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v.

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COMMONWEALTH'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE

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Now comes the Commonwealth in the above-captioned matter and submits this Statement of the Case. This statement is provided to assist the court and is not intended to be a bill of particulars, nor does it contain all information known to the Commonwealth at this time.

At approximately 3:07 AM on the morning of October 18, 2000, Cambridge Police were notified of a breaking and entering and sexual assault which occurred at a single-family residence in the City of Cambridge. The victim of the sexual assault was a female party who had not yet reached her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. When interviewed by a child interview specialist, the victim recounted how on the night of October 17, 2000, she went to sleep in her second-floor bedroom, and how she was awakened in the early hours of the morning by the presence of a man in her bedroom. She did not know the man, who she identified as a black male wearing a baseball-style cap. When he realized the victim was awake, the man rushed to her bed, put his hand over her mouth and ordered her to be quiet. The man demanded that the victim remove her shorts, and when she complied, he attempted to penetrate her, forcing himself against her vagina with his penis. The man did not use a



condom. He then ordered the victim, in crass language, to engage in fellatio, which she did. He put his mouth on the victim's vagina and licked the victim's vagina. The man specifically asked the victim how old she was, and she told him truthfully that she was thirteen. The man also told the victim that he had been paid to come to her house and to take her away. When the man was no longer on top of her, and she felt she had an opportunity to escape, the victim leapt out of her bed, began screaming, and ran out of her room. The assailant then fled the bedroom as well, running past the victim and down the stairs to the exit of the home. He escaped from the home before the victim's parents could attempt to detain him.

Cambridge Police officers who responded to the scene were able to determine that the intruder had entered through a sliding door on the first floor of the home. They also recovered a pair of green patterned men's boxer shorts from the victim's bedroom. The victim confirmed that the boxer shorts did not belong to her or any member of her family, and that they had not been in her room when she went to sleep the night before. Also recovered from the foot of the staircase to the second floor were a pair of men's black work boots. These boots did not belong to any member of the victim's family, and appeared to have been removed by the assailant so that he could move more quietly when he ascended the stairs.

Cambridge Police crime scene personnel also identified a jewelry box that had apparently been moved by the suspect and left outside the victim's bedroom. Investigating officers were able to recover a latent fingerprint with substantial friction ridge detail from the underside of the box. Missing from the victim's home was the handbag of the victim's

mother, which contained her wallet and credit cards; and cellular telephones belonging to the victim's mother and father. These items were never recovered.

Immediately after the assault, the victim was transported to Children's Hospital in Boston, where a sexual assault evidence collection kit was administered. That kit was subsequently collected by law enforcement personnel and transported to the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory. Forensic chemists at the Crime Laboratory were able to determine that there were saliva cells recovered from the victim's external genital swab, corroborating her account that the assailant had licked her genital area. Chemists at Cellmark Forensics, a private laboratory contracted through the State Police Crime Lab, were able to develop a Y-STR profile from the swab, confirming that the assailant was a male, but investigators were not able to match the profile to a known individual at that time.

Cambridge police officials have subsequently been able to identify the latent fingerprint on the jewelry box as belonging to Roger W. Reddick, Jr., DOB 3-6-82, based on visual comparison with known prints. That individualization by a Cambridge Police fingerprint expert was confirmed by independent examination by a fingerprint expert from the Brookline Police Department.

In late 2022, forensic scientists at the State Police Crime Lab were asked to review previous work in this case to determine if any additional analysis could be performed. The major DNA profile from the swab/scraping of the interior waistband of the green boxer shorts that had been found at the foot of the victim's bed was reviewed. In the years since the DNA profile was developed, the FBI had added enhanced capabilities for searching partial profiles and mixtures in CODIS if they were sufficiently discriminating. Upon

review, the major DNA profile in this case was determined to meet requisite power of discrimination for and upload to and search of the State DNA Index System (SDIS). This search linked the major DNA profile from the swab/scraping of the interior waistband of the green boxer shorts that had been found at the foot of the victim's bed to the DNA profile from Roger W. Reddick, DOB 3-6-82, the same individual whose print had been identified on the jewelry box. In both 1998 and in 2002, when booked by Cambridge Police officers, Reddick had provided an address on Amory Street in Cambridge, less than ½ mile from the victim's home.

After a buccal swab of Reddick's mouth was obtained for comparison purposes, chemists from the State Police Crime Laboratory were able to determine that the profile from the interior waistband of the boxer shorts was consistent with that of Roger W. Reddick Jr., and that the expected frequency of that profile was approximately 1 in 15,640 unrelated individuals; that the DNA mixture developed from the external genital swab of the victim was at least 6.5 million times more likely to have originated from the victim and Roger W. Reddick Jr. than from the victim and an unknown, unrelated individual; that the sample from the interior ankle cuffs of the work boots found in the victim's home was at least 2.9 billion times more likely to have originated from Roger W. Reddick Jr. and two unknown individuals than from three unknown, unrelated individuals; and that the DNA profile developed from the laces and tongue of the work boots was at least 160 trillion times more likely if it originated from Roger W. Reddick Jr. and two unknown individuals than if it originated from three unknown, unrelated individuals.

Respectfully Submitted  
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