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SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CRIMINAL #2013-983

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

V.

AARON HERNANDEZ

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO REQUIRE THE
COMMONWEALTH TO PARE DOWN ITS WITNESS LIST
TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS IT ACTUALLY INTENDS TO
CALL TO TESTIFY IN ITS CASE-IN-CHIEF AT TRIAL
AND FOR OTHER NECESSARY RELIEF

Aaron Hernandez, the defendant in the above-captioned criminal case, hereby moves this Court, pursuant to the Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article XII of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, to order the Commonwealth to pare down its list of 305 potential witnesses dated October 31, 2014 to those individuals it actually intends to call to testify in its case-in-chief at trial. The defendant further moves that the Commonwealth be ordered to set forth briefly the anticipated subject(s) of the trial testimony of each prospective trial witness so identified.

As grounds therefore, defendant states that it is inconceivable that the Commonwealth will actually call each of the 305 individuals it identified as a prospective witness in its October 31st witness list or that the Court would allow it to do so. Thus, the effect of this inflated witness list is

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deferres counsel to waste their limited time and resources investigating and preparing to cross-examine myriad individuals whom the Commonwealth does not intend to call at all. Such a tactic impirizes upon the defendant's state and federal constitutional rights to due process, confrontation of witnesses, and effective assistance of counsel. The grounds for the instant motion are set forth more fully in the memorandum of law and affidavit of counsel (with exhibits) filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ihereby certify that I served the foregoing document upon the Commonwealth by e-mail and by mailing a copy thereof, US mail, postage prepaid, to: William McCauley, First Assistant District Attorney, Bristol County, 888 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 on November 14, 2014.

James L. Sultan

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MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
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I. STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS.

On October 31, 2014, pursuant to the Court's scheduling order, the Commonwealth disclosed its list of potential trial witnesses (appended to the accompanying Affidavit of James L. Sultan as Exhibit 1). That list included a total of 305 entries comprised of 159 civilians, 70 law enforcement officials, 44 experts, and 32 record-keepers. In response, undersigned counsel wrote to First Assistant District Attorney McCauley on November 6, 2014 asking the Commonwealth, inter alia, to "identify in good faith which of these more than 300 identified individuals you intend to call to

testify in the Commonwealth's case-in-chief at trial;" and "[w]ith respect to each of the individuals so identified, please specify briefly the anticipated subject(s) of their prospective trial testimony."

(Letter appended to the accompanying Affidavit of James L. Sultan as Exhibit 2).

On November 10, 2014, First Assistant District Attorney McCauley responded by e-mail to defense counsel's letter of November 6, 2014. In that e-mail, appended to the accompanying Affidavit of James L. Sultan as Exhibit 3, Mr. McCauley wrote, inter alia, that the Commonwealth's October 31st witness list was "made in good faith." Mr. McCauley also noted the Commonwealth's willingness to "reduce the witness list by stipulations or agreement to uncontested facts." With respect to defense counsel's request for a brief description of the subject matter of each prospective witness' trial testimony, Mr. McCauley responded that "[t]his information is contained in the reports already provided."

II. SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE LAW.

Over the past half-century, both the United States Supreme Court and the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court have endorsed changes in criminal procedure which enable both sides to prepare effectively for trial. As the Supreme Court stated in *Williams v. Florida*, 399 U.S. 78, 82 (1970): "The adversary system of trial is hardly an end in itself; it is not yet a poker game in which players enjoy an absolute right always to conceal their cards until played." A decade earlier, in a different context, Justice Douglas, writing for the Court, commended procedures which "make a trial less a game of blind man's buff and more a fair contest with the basic issues and facts disclosed to

The letter also asked the Commonwealth to provide current addresses and birth dates for each of its prospective civilian trial witnesses so that the defendant could file an appropriate motion for prior criminal record information respecting said witnesses. That information was provided by the Commonwealth on November 10, 2014.

the fullest practicable extent." *United States v. Proctor*, 356 U.S. 677, 682 (1958). A similar theme was sounded by the Supreme Judicial Court in *Commonwealth v. Durham*, 446 Mass. 212, 229 (2006): "[C]riminal trials are matters of justice and not sporting events in which the side that has the strongest advocate (employing advantages to which he or she is not entitled) gains the upper hand."

At the same time, both courts and commentators have come to recognize that the prosecution in criminal cases enjoys superior resources. *E.g. Durham*, 446 Mass. at 229 ("We acknowledge as well that some 'imbalance' exists between the resources of the State and those of the defendant."). *See also Jackson v. Wainwright*, 390 F.2d 288, 294 (5th Cir. 1968) (Wisdom, J.) ("A weakness in the adversary system of administering justice is the possibility of unfairness arising (sometimes) from the prosecution's superior resources and special access to information and witnesses."); William Brennan, Jr., *The Criminal Prosecution: Sporting Event or Quest for Truth? A Progress Report*, 68 Wash. U.L.Q. 1, 3 (1990) ("[T]he truth-finding function of criminal trials is enhanced when the prosecution is not allowed to surprise the defendant with its evidence – 'trial by ambush' as it is sometimes accurately referred to – but is required to disclose its case in advance of trial so that defense counsel may carefully consider and investigate the evidence and prepare for trial tactics and questions.").

Every criminal defendant is entitled to the effective assistance of counsel under the Sixth Amendment and Article XII. E.g. Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668 (1984); Commonwealth v. Saferian, 366 Mass. 89 (1974). An important element of effective assistance is that counsel adequately investigate and prepare the case for trial. See, e.g., Rompilla v. Beard, 545 U.S. 374, 380-381 (2005); Commonwealth v. Haggerty, 400 Mass. 437, 443 (1987). Counsel's duty "includes the

obligation to investigate "all witnesses who may have information concerning his or her client's guilt or innocence." *Stewart v. Wolfenbarger*, 468 F.3d 338, 356 (6th Cir. 2006). Procedures which "impair the accused's enjoyment of the Sixth Amendment guarantee [of effective assistance] by disabling his counsel from fully assisting and representing him" are impermissible. *United States v. Decoster*, 624 F.2d 196, 201 (D.C. Cir. 1976). With respect to pretrial disclosure "[p]rosecutorial resort to a strategy of 'delay and conquer,' ... is not acceptable." *Miller v. United States*, 14 A.3d 1094, 1107-1108 (D.C. 2011).

III. APPLICATION OF LAW TO FACTS.

After burying defense counsel in a mountain of discovery (a process which continues unabated), the Commonwealth has now tendered a witness list comprised of 305 individuals. In response to defense counsel's reasonable request that the Commonwealth identify which of these witnesses the Commonwealth actually intends to call in its case-in-chief at trial and specify the general subject matter of their anticipated testimony, the Commonwealth simply refers defense counsel to the pile of discovery and invites the defendant to stipulate or agree to certain facts. This response is totally unacceptable, unfair, and impinges upon the defendant's constitutional right to a fair trial and to effective assistance of counsel.

It is inconceivable that the Commonwealth actually intends to call more than 300 witnesses in its case-in-chief at trial. Accordingly, the filing of this overly-inclusive witness list serves to conceal from defense counsel exactly which witnesses will actually be called, and thus merit counsels' particular attention in conducting pretrial investigation and preparation for cross-examination. By hiding its "cards" in this manner, the Commonwealth is substantially impairing defense counsel's ability to prepare effectively for trial. The Commonwealth's refusal to indicate

even the subject matter of each prospective witness's anticipated testimony clearly compounds this gross unfairness.

The absurdity of the Commonwealth's "witness list" is illustrated by a comparison to another recent, highly-publicized criminal case, *United States v. James Bulger*, U.S. District Court Criminal #99-10371-DJC. Bulger was charged with 30 counts in a complex, 111-page superceding indictment which accused him of participating in 21 murders and many other crimes over a 29-year span. Prior to his nine-week trial on all of those charges, the United States filed a proposed witness list consisting of 83 names (Document #953, filed 5/30/13). By contrast, in the comparatively simple and straightforward case at bar, the Commonwealth has filed a list comprised of 305 names! Surely the Commonwealth knows at this point which of those individuals it actually intends to call in its case-in-chief and which it doesn't. It has an obligation to share that information with the defendant, rather than resorting to a tactic of hide-the-witness.

"A prosecutor has a responsibility of a minister of justice and not simply that of an advocate." SJC Rule 3.8, Comment [1]. Based upon the Commonwealth's filing of an overly-inclusive witness list and its subsequent refusal to pare it down or disclose the subject(s) of each anticipated witness's trial testimony, counsel are left to wonder whether the Commonwealth's actions in this regard were "motivated by a desire to obtain a tactical advantage that would minimize the effectiveness of cross-examination and the ability to adduce rebuttal evidence." *See Taylor v. Illinois*, 484 U.S. 400, 415 (1988). Surely, timely notice of the Commonwealth's real witness list may not be conditioned upon the defendant's willingness to diminish the Commonwealth's burden to prove its case in full. The defendant need not, and will not, stipulate to any facts the Commonwealth seeks to prove against him in this first degree murder case.

The defendant understands and appreciates that unanticipated developments at trial may require one side or the other to call additional witnesses. The defendant also understands that the Commonwealth may seek to call witnesses in rebuttal, depending upon what ensues at trial. It is not the defendant's intention to seek to hamstring the Commonwealth; rather, the defense merely seeks disclosure of the names of the witnesses the Commonwealth actually expects to call at trial, along with a brief statement of the subject(s) of each witness's anticipated testimony, so he and his counsel can complete necessary trial preparation and present an effective trial defense.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth herein, the Defendant's Motion to Require the Commonwealth to Pare Down Its Witness List to Those Individuals It Actually Intends to Call to Testify in Its Case-in-Chief at Trial and For Other Necessary Relief should be allowed. The Commonwealth should be ordered to file a list of the witnesses it actually intends to call in its case-in-chief and to state briefly the anticipated subject(s) of each witness's anticipated trial testimony within ten (10) days.

Respectfully submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES L. SULTAN IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO REQUIRE THE COMMONWEALTH TO PARE DOWN ITS WITNESS LIST TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS IT ACTUALLY INTENDS TO CALL TO TESTIFY IN ITS CASE-IN-CHIEF AT TRIAL AND FOR OTHER NECESSARY RELIEF

James L. Sultan, being duly sworn according to law, hereby says and deposes as follows:

- I am a member in good standing of the Massachusetts Bar and co-counsel to defendant Aaron Hernandez in the above-captioned criminal case. I make this affidavit based upon personal knowledge.
- On October 31, 2014, I received by e-mail a copy of the Commonwealth's List of
 Potential Witnesses from First Assistant District Attorney William McCauley. A
 copy of that witness list is appended hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 3. On November 6, 2014, I sent a letter by e-mail and first class mail to First Assistant District Attorney McCauley in response to the Commonwealth's witness list. A copy of that letter is appended hereto as *Exhibit 2*.

4. On November 10, 2014, First Assistant District Attorney McCauley replied to our November 6th letter by e-mail. A copy of that e-mail is appended hereto as Exhibit 3. A list of the birthdates and addresses of the civilian witnesses listed on the Commonwealth's witness list, requested by defense counsel in our November 6th letter, was attached to First Assistant District Attorney McCauley's e-mail and is appended as Exhibit 1 to Defendant's Motion for Criminal Records, being filed under seal on this date.

Signed and sworn to under the pains and penalties of perjury this 14th day of November 2014.

James L. Sultan, BBO #488400

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SUPERIOR COURT DEPT. FALL RIVER SUPERIOR CT. INDICT. #BRCR2013-00983

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COMMONWEALTH'S LIST OF POTENTIAL WITNESSES

Now comes the Commonwealth and respectfully submits the following list of potential witnesses in the trial of the above referenced case:

Civilian Witnesses:

Nereida Alicea

Jose Almeida

Marcelino Amaro

Kevin Anderson

Mark Archambault

Kasey Arma

Carol Bailey

Carla Barbosa

Christopher Barnes

Joseph Barney

Scott Bazinet

Brandon Beam

Kelly Rose Belanger

Paul Belham

William Belichick

Brittany Blyther

Tracey Blyther

Anthony Bochichio

Daryl Boswell-Sweet

Alexander Bradley

Edward Brennan, Jr.

Mark Briggs

Geury Britto

Ja-Nay Brooks

Larry Brown

Max Brown

Philip Buxton

Maurice Bynes, Jr.

Moses Cabrera

William Cambio

Barbara Chan

Michael Charette

Steven Chaves

Michael Conners

Miles Connolly

Nelson Costa

Jenny Crandall

Andrew Crenshaw

Steven Cuartas-Cano

Druscilla Davison

Alan DesRochers

Marlene DeSouza

Michael Devlin

Julie Dionne

Amanda DiVito

Tyler Dorsey

Glaucia Dos Santos

Penny Dudley

Cleon Earle

Jwan Farhan

Gary Ferrara

Carlos Ferreira

Jonathan Fonseca

Hannah Fortier

Jennifer Fortier

Kera Francis

Thomas French

Jose Furtado, Jr.

Melissa Gaboury

Micheline Gaboury

Robert Gaudreau

Ace Gershfield

Lorne Giroux

Gary Gosselin

David Gomeault

Elizabeth Gorneault

Sherif Hashem

Glenroy Herbert

Oscar Hernandez

Terri Hernandez

Darryl Hodge

Gion Jackson

Sonja Jamieson

Christopher Jarvis

Azia Jenkins

Jodi Jenkins

Shaneah Jenkins

Shayanna Jenkins

Anthony Jerome

Akil Joseph

Andrew Joseph

James Joseph

Joseph Judge

Jeffrey Keane

Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kent

Emerson Kilgore

Justin Kordas

Robert Kraft

Jeffrey London

Jose Lopez

Jean Lorizio

Kerry Manter

Joanne Marcano

Gina Marciano

Jua-Lita Martin

Frank Martin

Ryan McDonnell

Thomas McDonnell

Brian McDonough

Matthew McFadden

Kathleen McKeown

Jessica McKinley

Chelsea Medeiros

John Medeiros

Joseph Mendes

Jennifer Mercado

Samson Michael

Christopher Mitchell

Milian Mitrovich

Michael Monteiro

Matthew Munro

Brian Murphy

Zeid Nabulsi

Harold Nash, Jr.

Sandra Negron

Jules Nesbitt

Kwami Nicholas

Roberto Olivares

Stacy Oliveira

Mark Pagliarini

Robert Paradis

Nichole Patton

Eric Pina

James Michael Pouncey

Marilia Prinholato

Matthew Quirk

Michael Ribeiro

Euna Ritchon

Anamaria Rodriguez

Kim Rodriguez

Timothy Ryan, Jr.

Danielle Salisbury

Patrick Salsbury, Jr.

Christian Salinas

Omar Sampson

Vanessa Sanchez

Joshua Sanders

Eduardo Sandoval

Barbara Scardino

Grazielli Silva

Kumar Singh

Irene Singleton

Tanya Singleton

Gladwyn Skeete-Hernandez

Donnie Smith

Keelia Smyth

Islando Sou

Brandon Spikes

David Swithers

Shaquilla Thibou

Andres Valderrama

Jose Vega

Brian Verria

Whaneller Viszcaino

Steve Vujevich

Ursula Ward

James Wernicki

Ian Wessels

Law Enforcement Witnesses:

Lieutenant Michael King Sergeant Paul Baker Sergeant John Moran Sergeant Christopher Dolan Sergeant Daniel Thom Trooper Michael Bates Trooper Melvin Rodriguez Trooper Joseph Collins Trooper Zachary Johnson Trooper Ann Marie Robertson **Trooper Catherine Dias** Trooper Jeremiah Donovan Trooper Eric Benson Trooper Hollis Crowley Trooper Daniel Giossi Trooper Eric Perez Trooper Jeffrey Whitehead Trooper Mark Burke **Trooper Christopher Dumont** Trooper Chad Laliberte Trooper Michael Cherven Trooper Steven Gallagher Trooper John Ragosa Trooper James Jaworek Patricia Furdon Chief John Reilly Captain Joseph DiRenzo Lieutenant Frederick DeMarco Detective Sgt. Christopher Cicci Sergeant Jason Roy Detective Daniel Arrighi Detective Michael Elliott Officer Richard McQuade Officer Ryan Mooney Officer John Grim Officer Edward Zimmer Officer Kevin McKeon Officer Kevin Mobley Officer Christiaan Grunewald Officer Christopher Roy Officer Gary Maitland Officer Craig Chapman Special Agent Michael Grasso Special Agent Vincent Holmes

Bristol County State Police Detective Unit Massachusetts State Police SERT Team Massachusetts State Police SERT Team Massachusetts State Police SERT Team Massachusetts State Police Communications Section North Attleborough Police Department Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

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Detective Lt. Kevin Morrell Detective Garrie Dorman Detective Peter Dauphinais Detective Scott Werner Officer Daniel Dwyer Officer Joanne Lattanzio Officer Michael Campisano Detective David Plasczynski Detective Brian Suchinski Detective Steven Pileski Sgt. Detective Michael Stratton Detective Timothy Laham **Detective Timothy Stanton** Detective Carlton Williamson Detective Sgt. John Carvalho Detective Jeanne Peck Officer Antonio Bento Detective Paul Romano Detective Ralph Costantino Officer Jose Pineda Officer Shawn Kennedy Captain John White Firefighter Joshua Langille Sergeant Nicholas Drinkwine Officer Matthew Bowen Detective Kenny Smith

Bristol Police Department
Boston Police Department
Boston Police Department
Boston Police Department
Boston Police Department
Brown University Police Department

Brown University Police Department Brown University Police Department Brown University Police Department Providence Police Department

Providence Police Department
Providence Police Department
Providence Police Department
North Attleborough Fire Department
North Attleborough Fire Department

Bristol County Sheriff's Department
Bristol County Sheriff's Department
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department

Expert Witnesses (previously provided)

Kyle Aspinwall

Trooper Michael Bates Bristol County State Police Detective Unit

Trooper Paul Bartlett Massachusetts State Police
Trooper Peter Bengtson Massachusetts State Police
Sergeant Steven Bennett Massachusetts State Police

John Biello Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory
Lindsay Bird Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Jodi Blakely-Webb Federal Bureau of Investigations

Kim Bonner Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory
Trooper Mark Burke Bristol County State Police Detective Unit

Trooper John Conron Massachusetts State Police
Trooper John Conroy Massachusetts State Police

Sharon Convery Walsh Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Justin Darrow Sprint

Trooper Jeremiah Donovan

Lieutenant Robin Fabry

Bristol County State Police Detective Unit

Massachusetts State Police

Diane Fife-Biagiotti Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Allana Fredrick Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Trooper Michael George Massachusetts State Police

Trooper Dan Giossi Bristol County State Police Detective Unit

Trooper Todd Girouard Massachusetts State Police

Officer Christiaan Grunewald North Attleborough Police Department

Sergeant Kevin Halle Massachusetts State Police

Christina Hanley Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Sergeant Kenneth Hefferan Massachusetts State Police
Detective Lt. Michael Holleran Massachusetts State Police
Trooper Michael Lombard Massachusetts State Police
Trooper David Mackin Massachusetts State Police

Maureen McCabe Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Trooper Lance Mello Massachusetts State Police

Sherri Menendez Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Special Agent Eric Perry Federal Bureau of Investigation

Daniel Pratt Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory
Betsy Rabel Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory
Robert Racette Bristol County District Attorney's Office
Jessica Robidoux Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory

Trooper Joseph Silvia, Jr. Massachusetts State Police

Dorothy Stout

Trooper William Tarobokas Massachusetts State Police Sergeant Steven Walsh Massachusetts State Police Trooper William Watson Massachusetts State Police

David Witzke

Timothy Woods Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory
Dr. William Zane Medical Examiner's Office

Surveillance - Keeper of Records

Ariel Abreau Blue Hill Liquors, Roxbury MA
Ijaz Ahmed Citgo Gas Station, Dorchester MA

Scott Bazinet Metalor USA Refining Corporation, North Attleboro, MA

Paul Belham Bell's Powder Coating, North Attleboro MA

Detective Sergeant John Carvalho Brown University, Providence RI

Michael Charette Metalor USA Refining Corporation, North Attleboro MA

Anthony DeOliveira Casa Esperanza, Boston MA

Alan DesRochers Seekonk Supply, North Attleboro MA

Antonio Eliopoulos City of Boston, MA

Detective Michael Elliott North Attleboro Police Department, North Attleboro MA

Jose Fernandez
Blue Hill Liquors, Roxbury MA
Garry Ferrera
Triboro Gulf, North Attleboro MA
David Hetu
Seekonk Supply, North Attleboro MA

Jeff Keane W Hotel, Boston MA

Banaras Khan Citgo Gas Station, Dorchester MA

Jose Lopez Fayston Street, Boston MA

Christopher Mitchell

Zeid Nabulsi

Hector Pina

Eric Podolsky

Matthew Quirk Lori Ricci

Frank Saite

Charles Sargent

Assad Sayyah

William Towlson

Rumor Nightclub, Boston MA

Merengue Restaurant, Roxbury MA

Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Boston MA

North Attleboro Electric Department, North Attleboro MA

Seekonk Supply, North Attleboro MA

Huntington Woods, Bristol CT

CVS, North Attleboro MA

Massachusetts State Transportation Building, Boston MA

Blue Hills Express, Canton MA

Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Boston MA

Miscellaneous - Keeper of Records

Transcore

Verizon Wireless

AT&T

Sprint

Metro PCS

T-Mobile

The Commonwealth reserves the right to supplement/amend its responses with reasonable notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 31, 2014

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Re: Commonwealth v. Aaron Hernandez,

Bristol Superior Court Criminal #2013-000983

Dear Mr. McCauley:

We have received your list of potential trial witnesses. That list, which contains more than 300 names, is of little help to us since you failed to identify which of these hundreds and hundreds of witnesses you actually intend to call to testify at trial. Moreover, you failed to provide us with the current home addresses and dates of birth of the civilian witnesses so we can investigate them and obtain their prior criminal records (if any) by appropriate motion. Finally, with respect to several dozen of these individuals (identified below), we do not seem to have any discovery at all respecting them, their prior statements (if any), and the subject matter of their anticipated testimony at trial.

In order to enable the case to proceed to trial as scheduled in January, we respectfully request that you provide us with the following information within the next seven (7) days:

- Please identify in good faith which of these more than 300 identified individuals you intend to call to testify in the Commonwealth's case-in-chief at trial;
- 2. With respect to each of the individuals so identified, please specify briefly the anticipated subject(s) of their prospective trial testimony;
- 3. With respect to each of the civilians so identified, please provide their last known residential address and date of birth; and

William McCauley, First Assistant District Attorney Bristol County District Attorney's Office November 6, 2014 Page 2

> With respect to the individuals listed below, to the extent that you expect, in good faith, to call them as witnesses in the Commonwealth's case-in-chief at trial, please provide all relevant discovery with respect to such witnesses, including any and all prior statements, reports, documents, and any other relevant discovery:

Civilians:

Nereida Alicea

Mark Archambault

Edward Brennan

Geury Britto (interviewed on 1/28/14, but we don't have the disk)

Larry Brown

Max Brown

Carlos Ferreira (interviewed on 3/26/14, but we don't have the disk)

Thomas French

Jose Furtado (interviewed on 4/9/14, but we don't have the disk)

Jodi Jenkens

Jean Lorizio

Milian Mitrovich

Brian Murphy

Zeid Nabulsi

Omar Sampson (interviewed on 11/17/13, but we don't have a report or disk)

Steve Vujevich

Law Enforcement Personnel:

Officer Matthew Bowen (Bristol County Sheriff)

Officer Craig Chapman (North Attleboro PD)

Detective Ralph Costantino (Providence PD)

Detective Peter Dauphinais (Bristol)

Lt. Frederick DeMarco (North Attleboro PD)

Trooper Catherine Dias

Trooper Christopher Dumont

Patricia Furdon (SP)

Officer Christiaan Grunewald (North Attleboro PD)

Officer Gary Maitland (North Attleboro PD)

Officer Kevin McKeon (North Attleboro PD)

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Officer Richard McQuade (North Attleboro PD)
Officer Kevin Mobley (North Attleboro PD)
Detective Lt. Kevin Morrell (Bristol)
Detective Jeanne Peck (Brown Univ. PD)
Detective Steven Pileski (Bristol)
Detective Jose Pineda (Brown Univ. PD)
Detective David Plasczynski (Bristol)
Chief John Reilly (North Attleboro PD)
Sgt. Jason Roy (North Attleboro PD)
Detective Timothy Stanton (Boston PD)
Detective Scott Werner (North Attleboro PD)
Captain John White (North Attleboro Fire)
Trooper Jeffrey Whitehead
Detective Carlson Williamson (Boston PD)
Officer Edward Zimmer (North Attleboro PD)

I am sure you can understand and appreciate that we cannot possibly prepare effectively for trial in the absence of the information requested herein. Thank you for your anticipated attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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RE: Comm. v. Hernandez

Attachments:

Civilian Witness List with Addresses.docx

Jamie- see attached. This information is contained in the reports already provided. The list we have given you was made in good faith. You should understand that this list was prepared without knowing the rulings the judge will make with regard to our motions in limine and other issues. We could also reduce the witness list by stipulations or agreement to uncontested facts. I am open to such a discussion to narrow the witness list and shorten the time to try this case. Let me know if that is agreeable.

Thanks - Bill

From: James Sultan [jsultan@rankin-sultan.com]

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To: McCauley, William (BRI)

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Bill, Letter re witness list attached. Jamie

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