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KEARY HAYES
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State vs. RUSS SEMERAN
RE: RUSS SEMERAN
Case File Number: 202509424

Dear KEARY HAYES:

I am writing to inform you that the Grand Jury voted to indict this case. After considering the evidence presented, the Grand Jury found probable cause to charge the defendant formally. Probable cause means sufficient evidence exists to say the accused likely committed the crime. The Indictment was handed up to a Superior Court Judge for filing, and the case will now be placed on the Court's schedule.

The State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy (SOVWA) will provide you with information about the status of the case, answer any questions you may have about the criminal justice process, and assist you with any problems that resulted from the crime.

Prior to trial, many events and court dates will occur. The Judge will schedule disposition or status conferences. At these conferences, the prosecutor and defense attorney will discuss issues related to the case, such as plea negotiations, outstanding discovery, or potential motions. You have the right to attend any of these proceedings but are not required to be there. If this case does proceed to trial, you may receive a subpoena to testify. If you do receive a subpoena, please contact our office.

The defendant could enter into a plea agreement, whereby the defendant pleads guilty or "no contest" to a particular charge or charges in exchange for certain concessions from the prosecutor, such as pleading to a less serious charge or having some charges dropped. A plea agreement may also impose certain conditions on the defendant. Upon your request, via the enclosed Plea Negotiation Form, we will discuss the terms and reasons behind any proposed plea agreement and solicit your feedback.

As a victim or witness, you also have certain rights, such as being treated with fairness, compassion and respect and being present at public judicial proceedings. You have the right to submit a written victim impact statement, which will be considered by the Deputy Attorney General at the time of plea negotiations, as well as by the Judge at the time of sentencing. If you wish to complete a victim impact statement, please complete the enclosed Victim Impact Statement Form and return it in accordance with the instructions.

Additionally, you have the right to be informed about the availability of restitution for any losses you sustained due to the crime. If you are requesting restitution, please use the enclosed Victim Information Form and submit copies of

all medical bills, estimates for repairs, receipts, etc., as well as documentation relating to your insurance coverage, if applicable. This will help determine the appropriate restitution amount.

Lastly, should your address or telephone number change, please contact SOVWA immediately. Court dates are often rescheduled with little notice, and should that occur, we would like to be able to notify you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued assistance, cooperation, and patience. Your role is essential to the criminal justice system and to the successful prosecution of this matter; and our office appreciates your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call me at (609) 984-6500 or at sovwa@njdcj.org.

Very truly yours,

Jasmin Calderon
Victim Witness Manager (Letter 06A)

Your Victim Witness Advocate is [redacted]