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SC Court of Appeals

The Hon. Daniel Coble
P.O. Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202-0192

Re: Michael D. Thomas, #329390 v. State of South Carolina
Case No: 2025-CP-40-01962

Dear Judge Coble:

Enclosed, please find the proposed **Final Order of Dismissal** with attachments in the above-captioned case for your consideration. If you approve, please sign it and forward it to the Richland County Clerk of Court for filing.

Should you need anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

D. Russell Barlow, II
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

DRB/sce

cc: Michael D. Thomas, #329390

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

) COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
2014-GS-40-4537
2014-GS-40-4538
2014-GS-40-4539

State of South Carolina,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Michael D. Thomas,
Defendant.

) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

April 26, 2016
Columbia, South Carolina

B E F O R E :

THE HONORABLE DEANDREA G. BENJAMIN, JUDGE.

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

SC Court of Appeals

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**COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT**

INVESTIGATIVE NOTES

**DATE / TIME: 03-26-2014 - 0940 HRS - REVIEWED THE PICTURE FROM THE FI AND
NOTED THAT NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION WAS ATTACHED. CONTACT WAS
MADE WITH K. MILLER AND PTL BAUM. PTL BAUM PROVIDED MARGUS SIMS DOB
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DATE / TIME: 03-18-2014 - 0949 HRS - JAN NOBLES CALLED TO ADVISE SHE WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT REDACTED AT THE FRIENDS HOUSE IN THE NORTHEAST.

1259 HRS - JAN CALLED TO ADVISE THAT SHE AND INV ODOM WERE CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW OF THE VICTIM AND THAT SHE WAS WILLING TO SIT WITH THE SLED ARTIST.

1730 HRS - SLED AGENT DELP CALLED TO ADVISE THE DRAWING WAS COMPLETE AND SHE WOULD EMAIL IT TO THIS WRITER.

1745 HRS - JAN NOBLES TO ADVISE THAT THE INTERVIEW WENT WELL, REDACTED INDICATES THERE WAS A MOUTHWASH BOTTLE TOUCHED BY THE SUBJECT AND THAT REDACTED AGREED TO COME TO TOWN TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SET OF FINGERPRINTS FOR ANALYSIS BY CRIME SCENE. THIS WRITER CONTACTED CSU MOORE TO ADVISE HER OF THERE REQUIREMENTS.

1757 HRS LT BRANHAM OF USCPD CALLED TO ADVISE SHE HAD A NAME FOR A PERSON TO ASSIST WITH SPEAKING WITH THE VICTIM. THIS WRITER ADVISED LT BRANHAM THAT AN INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED AND WE WILL ADVISE ON ANY FUTURE NEEDS.

DATE / TIME: 03-19-2014 - 1238 HRS - INV ODOM CALLED TO ADVISE THAT REDACTED WAS PRINTED AND THEY WERE ENROUTE TO LOOK FOR THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

1320 HRS - INV ODOM CALLED TO ADVISE THAT THE ITEMS WERE NOT PRESENT.

1513 HRS - CSU MOORE CALLED TO ADVISE THAT THE RECOVERED PRINT FROM THE APARTMENT WAS NOT THAT OD THE VICTIM.

Get them papers show were & was w that call been made
DATE / TIME: 03-19-2014 - 1920 HRS - A REVIEW OF THE AT&T PHONE LOCATOR SERVICE EMAIL MESSAGES INDICATE THAT THE CELL PHONE WAS OFF FROM THE TIME OF THE REQUEST TO THIS CURRENT TIME. A REVIEW OF THE CALL DETAIL RECORDS INDICATE NO CALLS WERE MADE AFTER THE INCIDENT.

DATE / TIME: 03-24-2014 - 1300 HRS - THIS WRITER MET WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER AT REDACTED AND HE GAVE CPD THE BROKEN DOOR FOR EVIDENTIARY PURPOSES. THE DOOR WAS LEFT WITH DONNA AT CPD EVIDENCE ROOM BY THIS WRITER.

DATE / TIME: 03-25-2014 - 1045 HRS - THE CLOTHING FOR REDACTED WAS TAKEN FROM THE CPD EVIDENCE ROOM AND DELIVERED TO SLED FOR PROCESSING.

DATE / TIME: 03-25-2014 - 1239 HRS - PTL K. MILLER (SOUTH) CALLED TO ADVISE THAT SHE WAS OUT ON A FIELD INTERVIEW WITH A SUBJECT SIMILAR TO THE DRAWING.

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1615 HRS - VICTIM DEPARTS SVU OFFICES WITH MY REQUEST TO FINISH STATEMENT. CSU MOORE TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO THE VICTIM'S APARTMENT TO OBTAIN CLOTHING FOR VICTIM.

DATE / TIME: 03-16-2014 - 1827 HRS - CSU MOORE CALLED TO OBTAIN A PHONE NUMBER FOR THE VICTIM. CSU MOORE INDICATED THAT THE VICTIM'S #2 FINGER IS THE LIKELY PRODUCER OF THE PRINT BUT WANTS A BETTER PRINT TO COMPARE.

DATE / TIME: 03-16-2014 - 1840 HRS - PTL STRICKLAND PROVIDED A COPY OF HER NOTES FROM HER TIME IN THE ROOM WITH THE VICTIM AT RICHLAND HOSPITAL

DATE / TIME: 03-16-1928 HRS - CALLED MS BYERS AND ASKED HER TO ASK ^{REDACTED} IF SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST SLED WITH PREPARING AN ARTIST'S SKETCH. CALLED THE FRIEND, ^{REDACTED} AND ALSO ASKED ABOUT ME ^{REDACTED} WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH SLED FOR A DRAWING SESSION.

DATE / TIME: 03-16-2014 - 2050 HRS - INV BAILEY CALLED TO ADVISE HE RECEIVED THE EMAIL REQUESTING THE TRANSPORT OF KIT TO SLED. BAILEY WILL ASSIST IN THIS MATTER.

DATE / TIME: 03-16-2014 - 2135 HRS - JAN NOBLES CALLED TO DISCUSS CASE AND ADVISED SHE WOULD MAKE CONTACT WITH THE VICTIM ON MONDAY 17 MARCH.

DATE / TIME: 03-17-2014 1450 HRS - ^{REDACTED} CALLED TO ENQUIRE ON THE LAB RESULTS FOR THE EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT. SHE WAS ADVISED THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A TIMEFRAME FOR RESULTS BUT WE WOULD LIKE ^{REDACTED} TO MEET WITH THE SLED ARTIST TO RENDER A DRAWING. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO FINISH THE STATEMENT. *24 hrs later*

DATE / TIME: 03-17-2014 - 1545 - DURING THE BRIEFING CONDUCTED WITH SGT THOMAS AND LT DRAFTS ONE ARE OF DISCUSSION WAS FINDING A CHINESE FEMALE COUNSELOR TYPE TO CONTACT THE VICTIM IN AN ATTEMPT TO WORK THROUGH HER DIFFICULTY WITH DISCUSSING THE INCIDENT. A CALL WAS PLACED TO LT BRANHAM (USCPD) AND SHE WAS ADVISED OF OUR REQUEST FOR A CHINESE SPEAKER TO ASSIST WITH THIS CASE.

DATE / TIME: 03-17-2014 - 1715 HRS - LT BRANHAM CALLED TO ADVISE SHE HAS MADE HER REQUEST TO THE STAFF AT THE "ENGLISH SECTION" AND WILL ADVISE IF THERE IS A VOLUNTEER.

DATE / TIME: 03-17-2014 - ^{REDACTED} CALLED TO ADVISE THAT A BLANK CHECK WAS ALSO TAKEN DURING THE INCIDENT. SHE WAS ASKED TO ADVISE THE VICTIM TO HAVE THE ACCOUNT HOLDER PROVIDE THE CHECK INFORMATION TO CPD.

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INVESTIGATIVE NOTES

DR COMES INTO ROOM TO STITCH UP THE LACERATION ON VICTIM'S NOSE THAT WAS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK UPON HER.

VICTIM ASKED TO MEET AT SPECIAL VICTIMS OFFICES AND WRITE A STATEMENT SUNDAY AFTERNOON. CONTACT INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO THE VICTIM.

0150 - SANE DONNA IN ROOM WITH PATIENT. DONNA AND THIS WRITER STEP OUT OF THE ROOM AND DISCUSS THE CASE.

0205 HRS - LT WHITE CALLED BY THIS WRITER AND ADVISED OF THE INCIDENT.

0215 HRS - THIS WRITER DEPARTS RMH.

0230 HRS - CSU MOORE CALLED TO ADVISE THAT THERE WAS NO MATCH IN AFIS FOR THE LIFTED PRINT FROM THE CRIME SCENE. WE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE VICTIM MAYBE THE PRODUCER OF THE PRINT AND AGREE THAT THE VICTIM WILL BE PRINTED SUNDAY (03-16-2014) AFTERNOON AS UNITS COME ON DUTY.

**DATE / TIME: 03-16-2014 - 1410 HRS - THIS WRITER WAS CONTACTED BY JIN FROM
REDACTED AND ADVISED SHE WAS ON THE WAY.**

1424 HRS - CSU MOORE CONTACTED THIS WRITER TO ADVISE SHE WAS AVAILABLE TO FINGERPRINT THE VICTIM.

**1455 HRS - VICTIM AT SVU OFFICES AND THE INTERVIEW BEGINS. FRIEND ^{REDACTED} AND
REDACTED RESENT AT SVU WITH VICTIM.**

1457 HRS - VICTIM ADVOCATE JAN NOBLES SENT VOICEMAIL TO CONTACT THIS WRITER TO DISCUSS THIS CASE.

1520 HRS - VICTIM UNABLE TO WRITE STATEMENT BECAUSE THE DISCOMFORT AND STRESS CAUSED BY REMEMBERING THE INCIDENT. CSU MOORE CALLED TO OBTAIN THE FINGERPRINT STANDARD. CSU MOORE ACCOMPLISHES THIS TASK AT SPECIAL VICTIMS OFFICES.

1525 HRS - AT&T CONTACTED FOR EXIGENT REQUEST FOR VICTIM'S PHONE RECORDS. ATTMOBILITY.NCC@ATT.COM, ALICIA ACKNOWLEDGES THE EXIGENT REQUEST FOR PHONE DATA.

1555 HRS - FAX OF EXIGENT FORM SENT TO AT&T.

1556 HRS - SGT BRYANT BRIEFED ON CASE.

1606 HRS - RECEIVE EMAIL FROM AT&T WITH RECORDS. LOCATOR SERVICE IN PLACE FOR PHONE FOR 48 HOURS.

COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT
INVESTIGATIVE NOTES

CASE NUMBER: 14-7067

WARRANT NUMBER: Click here to enter text.

CASE TYPE: BURGLARY 1st / CSC 1st

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DATE OF OCCURRENCE: 03-15-2014 (2300 HRS)

LEAD INVESTIGATOR: NAREWSKI

ASSISTING INVESTIGATOR(S): Click here to enter text.

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2345 HRS – SPOKE WITH SGT ALLMAN BY PHONE AND DISCUSSED INCIDENT AND THAT THIS WRITER WAS ON THE WAY.

2355 HRS – AT SCENE AND PERFORM QUICK LOOK AT GROUND NEAR THE BUILDING FOR DISCARDED ITEMS. CONTACT SGT ALLMAN ADVISING THAT WE WOULD LIKE VICTIM TO AUTHORIZE A CONSENT SEARCH OF THE APARTMENT. SGT ALLMAN NOT AT PATIENTS ROOM YET AND WILL HAVE TO LOCATE THE FORM.

0030 HRS – CALLED RMH COMMAND CENTER REQUESTING NAME OF SANE NURSE. DONNA IS THE ON CALL.

0031 HRS – CALLED DONNA, SHE IS CURRENTLY AT LEXINGTON HOSPITAL ON A CASE BUT EXPECTS TO BE AT RICHLAND HOSPITAL IN ABOUT AN HOUR. DONNA WILL CALL AND ADVISE ON ARRIVAL.

0040 – SGT ALLMAN CALLS ADVISING THAT HE HAS THE CONSENT FORM IN HAND AND WILL BRING IT TO SCENE. PERFORM WALK THRU WITH CRIME SCENE AND NOTE KICKED OUT PORTION OF DOOR ON FLOOR IN THE INTERIOR OF APARTMENT. BLOOD APPEARS TO BE SPATTERED AND SMEARED IN AND NEAR THE BATHROOM.

0110 HRS – ARRIVE AT RMH. SPEAK BRIEFLY WITH VICTIM'S FRIEND. CONFIRM THAT VICTIM IS A STUDENT AT USC. STEP AWAY AND CONTACT USCPD AND ADVISE THEM OF THE VICTIM'S STATUS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GATHERED DURING THE TIME AWAITING THE SANE NURSE: PTL STRICKLAND HAD NOTES OF THE CONVERSATION WITH THE VICTIM. THE NOTES WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY. VICTIM'S CELL WAS TAKEN BY THE SUBJECT. CELL NUMBER **REDACTED**

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STATEMENT FORM

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Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

I am _____ . My birthday is _____

My address and phone number are: _____

I am giving this statement concerning _____

to _____ who has identified himself as _____

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STATEMENT FORM

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Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

I am _____ . My birthday is _____

My address and phone number are: _____

I am giving this statement concerning _____

to _____ who has identified himself as _____

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STATEMENT FORM

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Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

I am _____ . My birthday is _____

My address and phone number are: _____

I am giving this statement concerning _____

for _____

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COLUMBIA S.C. POLICE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT FORM

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Date: 3-16-2014 Time: 14 50pm Place: 2132 DEVINE ST

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My birthday is JUNE 23, 1989

My address and phone number are: _____

I am giving this statement concerning BURGLARY / CSC

to JNV NAREWSKI who has identified himself as COLUMBIA POLICE

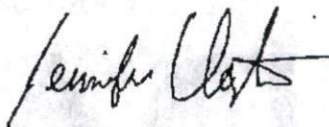
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SLED LAB No. L14-03509
July 14, 2015

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Note: Any remaining evidence and/or packaging will be returned to the requesting agency.

This report contains the conclusions, opinions and interpretations of the analyst whose signature appears below.



Jennifer L. Clayton
Forensic Scientist



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ITEMS ANALYZED (CONTINUED)

- 3.7 Suspected body fluid swabs
- 6.1 Cutting from pants

EXAMINATIONS

DNA analysis was performed on the items above using Short Tandem Repeat (STR) PCR DNA analysis. The results of the analysis are shown in the following table(s).

RESULTS

The DNA profile developed from items 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.5 matches the DNA profile of Fan Pan. The probability of randomly selecting an unrelated individual having a DNA profile matching this profile is approximately 1 in 84 quadrillion.

The partial DNA profiles developed from items 1.5.1 and 3.7 also match the DNA profile of Fan Pan.

No DNA profile was developed from items 1.5.2 and 1.5.3.

Semen was identified on item 6.1. The partial DNA profile developed from the semen on item 6.1 matches the DNA profile of Michael Darnell Thomas and has been entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The probability of randomly selecting an unrelated individual having a DNA profile matching the semen on this item is approximately 1 in 2 billion.

K. 13
The Y-STR DNA profile developed from item 3.3 matches the Y-STR DNA profile of Michael Darnell Thomas. The probability of randomly selecting an unrelated male individual having a Y-STR profile matching this item is approximately 1 in 8,600. Paternal male relatives of Michael Darnell Thomas may not be excluded as the contributor of this profile.

Note:

Based on additional information provided by the FBI and contained in the following: ERRATUM - Reference: Budowle B, Moretti TR, et. al. Population data on the thirteen CODIS core short tandem repeat loci in African Americans, US Caucasians, Hispanics, Bahamians, Jamaicans, and Trinidadians. J Forensic Sci 1999; 44(6):1277-86, the DNA match statistic previously reported for items 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.5 has been updated. This updated information does not affect the determination of a match, and affects only the weight of the match.



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(Exhibit 1)

Facility Info: Palmetto Health Richland
5 Richland Medical Park
Columbia, SC 29203

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Attending Physician: Chao MD, Zubair H
Admitting Physician: Chao MD, Zubair H

ED Documentation

DATE OF VISITATION: 03/16/2014

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ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: Zubair Chao, MD

MODE OF ARRIVAL: EMS.

CHIEF COMPLAINT: Sexual assault.

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Print Date/Time: 6/17/2014 15:04 EDT

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SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY REPORT

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Governor



MARK A. KEEL
Chief

Inv. A. Merrill
Columbia Police Department
#1 Justice Square
Columbia, SC 29201

DNA ANALYSIS
July 14, 2015
SLED LAB: L14-03509
Your Case No: 140007067
Incident Date: 03/15/2014
[V] Fan Pan
[S] Michael Darnell Thomas

This is an official report of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Forensic Services Laboratory and is to be used in connection with an official criminal investigation. These examinations were conducted under your assurance that no previous examinations of person(s) or evidence submitted in this case have been or will be conducted by any other laboratory or agency.

Mark A. Keel, Chief
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DNA ANALYSIS

ITEMS ANALYZED:

- 3.6 Buccal swabs from Fan Pan
- 8 Buccal swab from Michael Darnell Thomas

- 1.1 Cutting of crotch
- 1.2 Cutting from front, right of waistband area
- 1.3 Cutting from rear, left hip area
- 1.4 Cutting from rear, near middle
- 1.5.1 Hair
- 1.5.2 Hair
- 1.5.3 Hair
- 2 Swabs from bathroom moulding
- 3.2 Vaginal swabs
- 3.3 Rectal swabs
- 3.5 Miscellaneous materials swabs



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

INDICTMENT

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on JULY 16, 2014, the
Grand Jurors of Richland County present upon their oath:

CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, FIRST DEGREE

That MICHAEL DARNELL THOMAS did in Richland County on or about
MARCH 15, 2014, engage in sexual battery with _____ by using
aggravated force to accomplish sexual battery and/or the victim submits to
sexual battery by the actor under circumstances while the victim was also
the victim of forcible confinement and/or kidnapping and/or robbery and/or
extortion and/or burglary and/or housebreaking and/or any other similar
offense(s) or act(s), in violation of Section 16-03-0652, S. C. Code of
Laws, 1976, as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the
statute in such case made and provided.



DAN JOHNSON, SOLICITOR

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OF ORIGINAL FILED,
Janette W. B. B. B.
S.C.C.P.&G.S.
RICHLAND COUNTY
SOUTH CAROLINA

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COURT EXHIBITS

<u>NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>EV</u>
4	COMPETENCE TO STAND TRIAL	6	

1 laceration to her nose. And her glasses had fallen
2 off. So it was not only dark, but she also did not
3 have her glasses to be able to see what was going
4 on.

5 While the sexual assault is taking place, she
6 is noticing that there is blood on the floor, the
7 bathroom floor, underneath her, as well as blood
8 other places in the bathroom from being -- from the
9 laceration to her nose.

10 He, you know, continues to tell her to please
11 not look at him, that he will kill her.

12 And at some point towards the end of the
13 sexual assault, she thinks to say, My roommate is
14 going to be home any minute now. I have a male
15 roommate. And she thinks to tell him that he is a
16 basketball player, because she wants him to think
17 that he is really big, and that that roommate is
18 going to come home any minute now. And so that is
19 essentially when the sexual assault stops.

20 He gets her back up off the floor and then
21 walks her back into -- still staying behind her --
22 walks her back into her bedroom where he asks where
23 her money is. She gets a little bit of cash out of
24 her wallet. And then the Defendant takes her cell
25 phone from her. She doesn't have any other form of

1 communication, there is no land line. And then he
2 leaves.

3 She puts on new clothes, and looks down to her
4 computer, and she has basically the software
5 program up that is a Chinese software program that
6 is similar to Skype, and she has that up, and she
7 sees that two of her friends that are Chinese that
8 are also students here are on that website, on that
9 chat. And so she immediately types to them in
10 Chinese: Help! Come to my apartment. I have been
11 raped. Someone has broken into my apartment.

12 And so her two friends, Steven and Jean,
13 immediately come over. They live very close-by.
14 And they immediately come over. And she is already
15 out in the front yard meeting them and runs to them
16 crying and basically runs and hugs them and tells
17 them just briefly, you know, that someone had
18 broken into her apartment and that she had been
19 sexually assaulted.

20 They call 9-1-1. The reporting officer gets
21 there and EMS gets there. Both of their
22 impressions are that she is extremely scared. She
23 is shaking. She is essentially kind of rolled up
24 into a ball. And the officer can't even really
25 approach her because as he starts walking over to

1 ask her what had happened, she turns away from him
2 just in fear also of him. The EMS person couldn't
3 really get much information out of her other than,
4 you know, What else should I have done, or, should
5 I have done something, and that she was in pain
6 vaginally.

7 They get to the hospital. Her friend Jean is
8 with her. And they meet the nurse. And she is not
9 able to really tell the nurse what happened. They
10 suture her nose from the laceration. And then she
11 has a sexual assault exam from the nurse. And they
12 do all the standard swabs. She is not really able
13 to give the nurse a history of what happened to her
14 because she says that she has told the story so
15 many times she can't say it again, but, in fact,
16 she really hadn't told anybody too much about what
17 happened. That is how traumatized she is. So they
18 get rectal swabs, vaginal swabs, and check her
19 clothes that she has on her. Those things are all
20 packaged.

21 She eventually is able to give a full written
22 statement with the help of a friend of hers. She
23 does do a SLED sketch, but that sketch looks
24 nothing like the Defendant.

25 SLED initially analyzes the panties that were

1 collected -- they were left at the home, she did|
2 not put those back on -- and the rape kit. And all
3 we can get off the panties at that point is a YSTR
4 profile, and YSTR profiles can't be uploaded to
5 CODIS. So we still have at this point a stranger
6 sexual assault. So we decide to send the clothes
7 out to SLED that she had put on after the sexual
8 assault.

9 And at basically the waistband of her pants we
10 are able to develop a partial profile that can be
11 uploaded into CODIS, and that profile hit on the
12 Defendant. He is in CODIS.

13 She is showed a photo line-up, but did not
14 identify the Defendant. So really the entire case
15 at this point is the partial DNA profile hit from
16 CODIS and the YSTR from the panties.

17 He has been charged and arrested. Essentially
18 he says that he was at a party in Five Points that
19 night. He didn't know this girl, didn't have sex
20 with this girl, was never at the apartment, doesn't
21 know what they were talking about, but couldn't
22 give a single name or phone number of a person that
23 can back up that alibi.

24 And then while he has been sitting in Alvin S.
25 Glenn Detention Center, as you heard in yesterday's

1 not told yet, are very confused about
2 this change in me. They ask me, What
3 happened to you? You used to be so
4 brave and courageous? I just tell them,
5 Nothing. I'm just a coward now. And I
6 know that the old me will never come
7 back.

8 Immediately after the incident happened,
9 I cried a lot. I would not let my
10 friends see me crying too much because I
11 did not want them to worry about me.
12 What else could I do? I would go into
13 the bathroom and then at midnight when I
14 could not sleep I would cry. Every time
15 I was alone I asked myself, Why did this
16 happen to me? This is so unfair. I
17 haven't done anything wrong. However,
18 after two years I have realized that
19 this is life. We cannot control
20 everything. This is also why it is
21 important to have the law and the
22 justice system. The law and the justice
23 system help people by doing what is
24 right and punishing people who do
25 something wrong. I am really thankful

1 for this country and the nice people who
2 have helped me in this whole process.
3 They have helped me to confront
4 everything I come across.

5 There have been many times that I have
6 wanted to withdraw myself and run away.
7 It is their encouragement that lets me
8 know that I can suffer all these things
9 and still have a beautiful tomorrow.
10 Nevertheless, no matter how nice they
11 are, time cannot go back and erase
12 everything back to when I had no pain or
13 hurt feelings and the nightmares are
14 gone and all this would just be a
15 distant memory.

16 The other day when I chatted with my
17 friends, who would have been witnesses
18 for me, they informed me that they had
19 spoken to Margaret. Margaret asked them
20 if they could come and be willing to be
21 of support for me in the trial. And I
22 could not even speak of what had
23 happened. My fears just started, and I
24 began to cry immediately. Having to go
25 through the trial and speak of all the

1 details has really been a challenge for
2 me, but I was willing to do it in order
3 to hold him responsible for what he did
4 to me.

5 I know that no amount of time will make
6 this all go away, but I am okay with the
7 30 years in order to avoid going through
8 the trial process.

9 Thank you. REDACTED

10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. And thank
11 you, Ms. Pan, for your comments, and thank you for
12 being here. And I'm sorry that you have to be
13 here.

14 All right, yes, ma'am?

15 MS. BODMAN: I am just very incredibly proud
16 of this young lady. And even though she, through
17 her statements, still thinks of herself as fearful
18 and scared, she is one of the bravest people that I
19 know. And I hope that you accept this plea.

20 THE COURT: Thank you. Yes, sir?

21 MR. BANK: Thank you, Your Honor. May it
22 please the Court? I'll be brief. I think that you
23 have been made aware of some of this background by
24 just briefly looking through --

25 THE COURT: Yes.

1 MR. BANK: -- his competency evaluation. But
2 Mr. Thomas has lived an extremely chaotic life.
3 His mother, who is here today, separated from him
4 around the age of two or three, he grew up the rest
5 of his life in Columbia, but either in Foster Care,
6 DJJ, back to Foster Care, hotel rooms. You know,
7 you never like to say that he never had a chance,
8 but he didn't have a real good opportunity to have
9 a chance.

10 He suffered from a number of mental health
11 issues, from bipolar disorder, schizophrenia. He
12 suffered from a learning disability when he was in
13 school. And obviously from a lot of the substance
14 abuse that you see in and out of this courtroom
15 every day, drugs and alcohol. I think that those
16 not only affected his entire life, I think that
17 those are obviously a great big play of things this
18 evening. Of course, it is no excuse, but I think
19 it gives some context of how we get here, as hard
20 as that might be.

21 Your Honor, with all that said, we think that
22 the 30 years is a fair sentence. I think that it
23 resolves it for everybody involved. And we just
24 ask that you accept the negotiations.

25 THE COURT: Anything?

1 MR. BANK: No, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right. On Indictment
3 2014-GS-40-4537, 4538, and 4539, sir, you will be
4 sentenced to the State Department of Corrections
5 for 30 years. The sentences will all run
6 concurrent.

7 How much time does he have?

8 MR. BANK: April 10, 2014.

9 MR. BELL: 747 days.

10 THE COURT: All right. You will be given
11 credit for the 747 days that you have already
12 served.

13 And it is my understanding he is already on
14 the registry, but I will make a note on here, sex
15 offender registry.

16 All right, thank you.

17 MR. BANK: Thank you, Judge.

18 MS. BODMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Good luck to you, ma'am.

20 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were
21 concluded at 11:32 a.m.)

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(END OF TRANSCRIPT)

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