COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Suffolk, ss.

No. SJ-2017-0347

COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES, et al., Petitioners,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MASSACHUSETTS, et al., Respondents.

STIPULATION CONCERNING THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Consistent with this Court's order of November 2, 2017, counsel for the District Attorney for the Northwestern District has conferred with counsel for the petitioners, and they have identified cases where there is agreement to vacate certain convictions and dismiss with prejudice. Specifically, the District Attorney for the Northwestern District and the petitioners agree to vacate and dismiss with prejudice all drug convictions in the Northwestern District involving alleged drug samples in which Sonja Farak signed the certificate of analysis, with the exception of convictions resulting from litigation following Farak's arrest in January 2013. The District Attorney for the Northwestern District estimates that this will result in the dismissal of drug convictions in approximately 1,497 cases.

This stipulation is not conditioned on the relinquishment or cancellation of any other right, argument, or duty of the parties in this litigation. For example, petitioners enter into this stipulation without conceding the accuracy or completeness of any case list compiled by the District Attorney for the Northwestern District, and without relinquishing their request that all Farak-involved convictions – including those resulting from litigation post-dating Farak's arrest – be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted, DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

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