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: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF

: DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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: NO: CP-22-MD-9-2008

THE FIFTH DAUPHIN COUNTY INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY

: **NOTICE NUMBER: 05-2008-07**

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this Dday of Joer, 2009;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that **Presentment Number 2** is accepted. The Court finds as a matter of law that the facts stated in the Presentment established a *prima facie* case to support each of the recommended charges. This Presentment shall be sealed and no person shall disclose a return of the Presentment except when necessary for issuance and execution of process, or as otherwise directed or permitted by order of the supervising judge. Disclosure is authorized for issuance and execution of process.

BY THE COURT

TODD A. HOOVER, J.

SUPERVISING JUDGE

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TO THE HONORABLE TODD A. HOOVER, SUPERVISING JUDGE:

PRESENTMENT NO.2

We, the FIFTH Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, duly charged to inquire into offenses against the criminal laws of the Commonwealth, have obtained knowledge of such matters from witnesses sworn by the Court and testifying before us. We find reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the criminal laws has occurred. So finding with not fewer than twelve concurring, we do hereby make this presentment to the Court.

Foreperson

Fifth Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury

DATED: Jan. 22, 2009

INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Fifth Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, having received evidence pertaining to a possible violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, occurring in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation <u>05-2008-07</u>, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charge.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Christopher Meckley is the husband of Tracey Meckley. Mr. and Mrs. Meckley met the victim E.H. and her family through their mutual attendance at religious services at the Kings Chapel Church, which met in Hershey, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The Meckleys and the victim's family became friends and would spend time at each others' homes. Tracey Meckley testified that she and the victim's father were members of a blue grass band. Tracey Meckley would practice often with the band at E.H.'s family's home. With the band as the focal point E.H.'s family and would have frequent contact with the Meckley family.

E.H. was interviewed on June 6, 2007, at the Children's Resource Center located at 2645 N. Third Street, Harrisburg, PA. During the course of her interview, E.H. revealed that Christopher Meckley, approximately sometime close to her 13th birthday in 2002, forcibly raped her. E.H. stated this incident occurred when Meckley drove her to his place of work, the Jack & Jill Ice-cream warehouse facility located in Middletown, PA., where he was reportedly going to allow her to pick out ice-cream for her birthday party. Once they entered the warehouse Christopher Meckley stated to E.H. he wanted to speak with her. Very quickly after that he 'started undoing himself' (taking down his pants) and she asked him what was going on. Meckley implored E.H. to 'calm down' and he put a condom on. At this point E.H. began to

resist and struggle. Meckley again told E.H. to clam down or something bad would happen to her sister. She stopped resisting and just laid there as Meckley forcibly had sexual intercourse with her.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHARGES

Based upon the evidence we have obtained and considered, which establishes a *prima* facie case, we, the members of the Fifth Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, recommend that the District Attorney or his designee, institute criminal proceedings against Christopher Meckley. We recommend charging him with violating sections 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3121 (relating to Rape), 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault), 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault), 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3126 (relating to indecent assault), 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6301 (relating to corruption of minors) and 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6318 (relating to unlawful contact with a minor) of the Crimes Code.