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11th Judicial District – Hamilton County
Homicide Division

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Case: *State v. Donyell Holland*

RE: Federal Proffer of Derik Adam Brown and Meeting with Derik Adam Brown at Laurel County Correctional Facility.

Dear David,

In November of 2021, Agents of the Federal Government, the Chattanooga Police Department, and ADAGs Leslie Longshore and Collin Campbell conducted a proffer with Mr. Derik Adam Brown.

Brown has entered a guilty plea to his federal charges. He is awaiting sentencing. He is hoping to receive a downward departure for providing assistance to authorities regarding the homicide of Randall Leslie.

Recently, ADAG Minor and I met with Derik Adam Brown. We did not learn of the proffer until the day before we traveled to the Laurel County Correctional Complex, London, Kentucky to meet with Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown's recollection of the facts were consistent with the proffer. The meeting was not recorded, and no formal statement was made or given. No promises or leniency or immunity were made.

During our meeting, Mr. Brown told us that he was at a Howard Johnson motel in Chattanooga, TN. At the time Brown was providing fake methamphetamine to people who would sell it and give him part of the proceeds. One of those people was Jimmy Green, A.K.A. "J5." Brown says that he was contacted by Green. Green informed Brown that Donyell Holland was asking for assistance. Green would frequently ask Brown to drive because Brown had a driver's license.

Brown, Green, a person known only as "Miyagi" and Green's girlfriend traveled to a residence on Gloucester Lane where they met Holland. Holland retrieved a vehicle from the rear of the property. In the back seat of the car was a deceased Randall Leslie. Holland instructed Green and Brown to dispose of the deceased "across the line," and Holland informed Brown that he would pay him for the disposal. There was a "white girl," present of "medium build," who he did not know. Holland "fronted" him several hundred dollars. Brown did not believe that "Miyagi" or Green's girlfriend saw Randall Leslie's body because they stayed in the vehicle they drove from the Howard Johnson.