

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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KENT, S.C.

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V.

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Case No., K2-21-0134A

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JOSEPH FRANCIS

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(Amended)

**NOTICE OF SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT PURSUANT TO THE
RHODE ISLAND HATE CRIMES SENTENCING ACT**

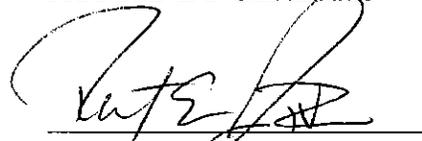
Now comes the State of Rhode Island, by and through its attorneys, Peter F. Neronha, Attorney General, and Robert E. Johnson IV, Special Assistant Attorney General, and pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 12-19-38(d), as amended, hereby gives the following notice:

1. That Joseph Francis (Defendant) has been charged by criminal information in Count one (1), Count two (2), and Count three (3), with felony assault, in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 11-5-2.
2. That with respect to the three (3) criminal counts referenced in item one (1), it is alleged that Defendant intentionally selected the persons, Nadine Gamboa, Louis Portorreal, and Michelle Carson-Ames, against whom the offense of felony assault was committed, because of the Defendant's hatred or animus toward the actual or perceived disability, religion, color, race, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, or gender of Nadine Gamboa, Louis Portorreal, and Michelle Carson-Ames.
3. That upon conviction of one or all of the charged criminal offenses of felony assault, in Count one (1), Count two (2), and Count three (3), notice is hereby served that the Defendant is subject to the imposition of an additional sentence pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 12-19-38(d).

Respectfully Submitted,

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

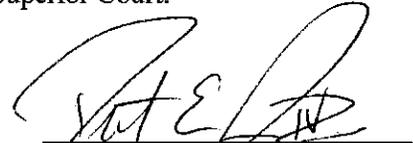
PETER F. NERONHA
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on this day, the 25th of March 2021, this notice titled NOTICE OF SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT PURSUANT TO THE RHODE ISLAND HATE CRIMES SENTENCING ACT, was electronically filed with the Kent Superior Court.



Robert E. Johnson IV