# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Plaintiff-appellee,

v.

#### CHE MERANDA,

Defendant-appellant.

# ON APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT OF THE MIDDLESEX SUPERIOR COURT

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# APPLICATION FOR DIRECT APPELLATE REVIEW OF DEFENDANT-APPELLANT CHE MERANDA

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#### REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO OBTAIN DIRECT APPELLATE REVIEW

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure, defendant-appellant Che Meranda respectfully applies for direct appellate review of his conviction. After traffic cameras captured his family being targeted in a drive-by shooting while stopped at an intersection, Meranda was convicted on multiple counts of assault to kill and other charges for shooting back at his attackers despite no damage to them or the other car and no one even placing a gun in his hand, much less observing any shots. The Commonwealth argued that three pieces of circumstantial evidence, when considered together, could nonetheless support his conviction beyond a reasonable doubt: the presence of gunshot residue and bullet casings in his car after the family abandoned it, his passenger's testimony that after they were shot at when leaving the car, she saw what looked like a handgun sitting on the dashboard, and the traffic cameras showing that after the car shooting at them first passed Meranda turned in the same direction Because even in combination the Commonwealth's it had gone. evidence could do no more than plausibly theorize the criminal acts upon which it grounded Meranda's convictions, they must all be reversed and the charges against him dismissed. Because the sufficiency of the evidence issues raised are best served through resolution by the full Court, he respectfully requests direct appellate review.

#### STATEMENT OF PRIOR PROCEEDINGS

On October 1, 2021 Meranda was indicted on three charges of armed assault to murder, G.L. c. 265 §18(b), two armed career criminal charges under G.L. c. 269 §10(g), carrying a loaded firearm without a license, G.L. c. 269 §10(n), possession of ammunition without a license, G.L. c. 269 §10(h)(1), two counts of reckless endangerment of a child, G.L. c. 269 §13L, and discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of a building, G.L. c. 269 §12E. After a jury trial held over 7 days in April of 2023 (Kazanjian, J.), he was found guilty of two counts of the lesser included charge of assault to kill (G.L. c. 265 §18N) and one count of the lesser included charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (G.L. c. 265 §15B) on the three assault to murder charges, with guilty verdicts on the remainder. The judge found him quilty of one armed career criminal charge in a bench trial, while a nolle prosequi was entered on the other, and on the ammunition charge. On May 4, 2023, he was sentenced to seven years imprisonment on count 1, followed consecutively by concurrent three-year sentences on counts 2, 3, and 4, in turn followed consecutively by (concurrent) six- and three-month sentences on counts 5 and 9, and then finally released to concurrent probation terms of three years each on counts 3, 7, and 8. A timely notice of appeal was filed. case was entered in the Appeals Court as 2025-P-0601 on May 19, 2025, after a lengthy delay in transcript preparation.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

A traffic camera showed Meranda's car being fired upon as he waited at a T-intersection and then pausing for a moment before turning right, in the same direction the other car had gone. second camera a short distance away showed the two cars speeding Both were abandoned separately a few blocks southeast: past. Meranda's car that his girlfriend had rented three days earlier in Florida was pockmarked with bullet holes and had a broken passenger side window and a shell casing wedged in its roof rack, with four others on the passenger side seat and in the footwell, while the other car was unmarked. His girlfriend testified to hearing loud sounds of shooting while crouched forward and covering her head with her hands; as they were getting out of the car she saw what looked like a handgun sitting on the dashboard. The Commonwealth presented positive gunshot residue tests taken from Meranda's car's inside soft ceiling and surfaces, arguing that they meant he had fired back at his attackers out through the passenger side window over her head while driving. Meranda was convicted for shooting at each of the three occupants of the other car despite the involvement of another, mystery shooter, whose presence was theorized based on the recovery of another shell casing on the street not far from where the car was abandoned matching the one found in the car's roof rack but not the ones inside the car or from the intersection, which also did not match each other.

# STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO WHICH MERANDA SEEKS DIRECT APPELLATE REVIEW<sup>1</sup>

- I. The Commonwealth's theory of guilt hinged upon the conjecture that Meranda had turned right after being shot at because he was intending to pursue his attackers in order to shoot back at them. Where the Commonwealth could not prove, and had nothing else upon which to ground an inference, that the gunshot residue and casings in the car were placed there at the time of the crime, did it meet its burden of proof?
- II. Meranda's armed career criminal charge was grounded upon a youthful offender guilty plea to violent crime that the Commonwealth conceded was committed with an air rifle. Is an air rifle a deadly weapon such that his act of juvenile delinquency could properly ground a conviction under G.L. c. 269, § 10G?

¹ Should direct appellate review be granted, Meranda respectfully requests that this Court also consider the other issues contemplated in his brief: the propriety of his conviction of assault with a deadly weapon as a lesser-included offense of assault to murder under Commonwealth v. Bright, 463 Mass. 421 (2012) and its progeny, and the trial court's handling of the issuance of the decision in Commonwealth v. Guardado, 491 Mass. 666 (2023) after the close of the evidence but before final instructions.

#### **ARGUMENT**

I. The Commonwealth's Argument That Meranda Shot Back At All Was Dependent Upon Conjecture And Could Not Be Proven Beyond A Reasonable Doubt.

In theorizing shots were fired from Meranda's car without any person witnessing them or anything they hit the Commonwealth's evidence falls far short of what this Court has previously considered sufficient to uphold a conviction. Its entire line of reasoning was dependent on the pure conjecture that Meranda had turned in the same direction as the car with the shooter for nefarious reasons; its circumstantial evidence was otherwise equally explainable with Meranda serving only as victim. Commonwealth v. Tse, 495 Mass. 74, 81 (2024) (rejecting argument that defendant's vehicular maneuvering established that he shared shooter's lethal intent because it rested on "a chain of speculative assertions"). See also Commonwealth v. Gonzalez, 475 396, 407 (2016) (even in combination, circumstantial Mass. evidence did not establish beyond a reasonable doubt that defendant participated in crime by driving subject vehicle); Commonwealth v. MacCormack, 491 Mass. 848, 860 (2023) ("[W]here the Commonwealth's evidence is entirely circumstantial, it cannot meet its burden if the evidence equally supports inconsistent propositions, resolution of such a case necessarily requires conjecture or surmise."). If, for example, he had been looking to the right for

traffic as the other car sped past, turning right would have been turning away from the sounds of the shots.

The Commonwealth could not prove that the gunshot residue and casings found in his rental car were not left over from a day at the range, as its experts testified that the residue would remain on inorganic surfaces like the car's interior indefinitely without cleaning and could be spread via secondary transfer. See Commonwealth v. Morris, 422 Mass. 254, 257 (1996) (where physical evidence is the only link between defendant and crime they are accused of committing, prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that evidence was placed there at the time of the crime); Commonwealth v. French, 476 Mass. 1023, 1024- 1025 (2017) (while generally in criminal cases Commonwealth does not have to present evidence that excludes every hypothesis of innocence, in cases where physical evidence is only evidence of identity prosecution must couple physical evidence with evidence which reasonably excludes hypothesis that it was left at time other than when crime was being committed). His girlfriend testified that she had not noticed any of the casings found inside - even though, to have been fired in that incident and then found where police saw them on the seat where she had been sitting, they would have had to have landed on her back. There was likewise nothing to ground the Commonwealth's argument that the car's window had been shot out from inside; to the contrary, the match between the shell casing

lodged in the roof and the one on the street strongly suggested Meranda had been shot at again from close range, this time unobserved by cameras, as the family abandoned the car. Despite the inferred presence of this other, mystery shooter, Meranda was convicted of shooting at each of the three occupants of the car from the T intersection; nothing in the Commonwealth's evidence had indicated when, in which direction, or at whom any of the supposed "return shots" had been fired. The position of the cars suggested by the Commonwealth's theory based on the broken window, with the shooter's car to Meranda's car's right, was also unsupported by anything on the traffic cameras or the routes of the two cars plotted on a map. One of the occupants from the other car testified that she did not hear any return shots.

Unlike previous cases where a combination of circumstantial evidence has been used to build a case for a defendant's guilt for a shooting that, while unobserved, unquestionably produced a death or injury, here the combination of circumstantial evidence is being used to presume that any crime occurred at all. Whether someone who has a gun can be presumed to have used it on any particular occasion is an issue deeply tied into this Court's rapidly evolving jurisprudence on due process in purely circumstantial cases combined with the right to bear arms. It is an issue of such public interest, and so likely to recur, that guidance should be provided directly from this Court to ensure a consistent and

constitutional application of the law between defendants. Because the sufficiency of the evidence issues raised by this case – the degree to which the Commonwealth can ask the jury to infer from circumstantial evidence that a shooting occurred at all, and at whom – are of such public interest that justice requires a final determination by the full Supreme Judicial Court, Meranda therefore respectfully requests direct appellate review.

# II. Whether An Air Rifle Is A Deadly Weapon For Purposes Of § 10G Is A Novel Issue Best Suited To Guidance From This Court.

Meranda's conviction as an armed career criminal was based upon a youthful offender conviction and is therefore only proper if that conviction involved the use or possession of a deadly weapon. Commonwealth v. Anderson, 461 Mass. 616, 631-632 (2012). Meranda's plea was to aggravated rape and armed robbery "to wit, gun," but the gun was not recovered; one month later he was arrested for possession of an air rifle that the victim in the attack recognized. The judge was provided with the materials from the original case as well as the police report supportive of this issue. "[D]eadly weapons are a narrower, more lethal subset of dangerous weapons." Commonwealth v. Ashford, 486 Mass. 450, 457 (2020). Deadly weapons only comprise those that are "inherently dangerous to human life." Commonwealth v. Claudio, 418 Mass. 103, 108 (1994). See also Commonwealth v. Drew, 4 Mass. 391, 396 (1808) (describing deadly weapon as one that would "necessarily," was

"likely to," or would "probably," kill or do great bodily harm). The term is of independent legal significance and while it "clearly includes loaded firearms, certain knives, and explosive devices," it has not previously been applied to air rifles. Commonwealth v. Rezendes, 88 Mass. App. Ct. 369, 377-380 (2015).

The judge's adjudication of this issue based on how the air rifle was used in the crime and the use of the generic word "gun" in the indictment, rather than the nature of the weapon itself, was error. See id. at 379 (fact finder should base inquiry on the "nature of the weapon itself"); Commonwealth v. Bastos, 103 Mass. App. Ct. 376, 380 (2023) (defendant's use of deadly weapon could not be inferred merely from fact of youthful offender adjudication for armed robbery, because the crime refers to being armed with a dangerous weapon). Because the question of whether an air rifle constitutes a deadly weapon for the purposes of G.L. c. 269, § 10G is a novel question of law, the resolution of which is susceptible to broad application, direct appellate review is indicated on this issue as well.

#### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons this case presents novel questions of law and of such public interest that justice requires a final determination by the full Supreme Judicial Court, see Mass. R. App. P. 11, and Meranda thus respectfully requests direct appellate review.

Respectfully submitted,

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By and through his attorney,

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### Certificate of Compliance

I hereby certify that this application complies with the rules of court that pertain to the filing set forth in the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Rachel T. Rose

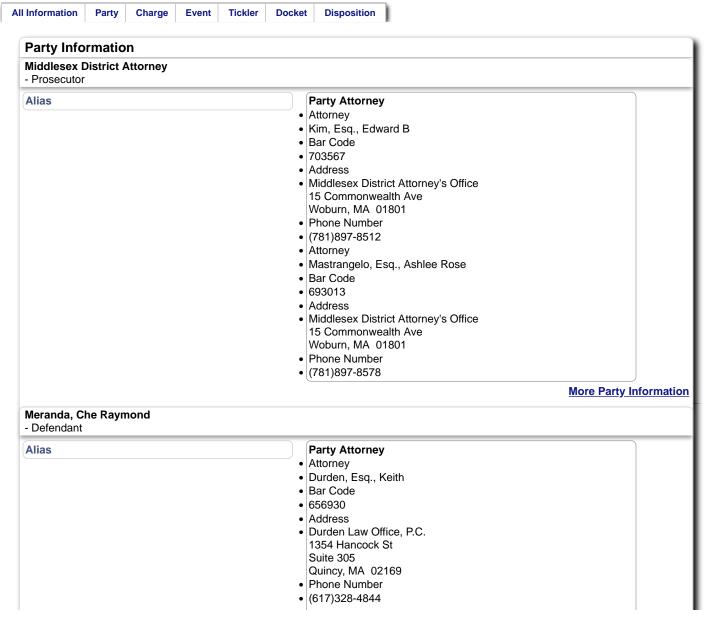
#### Certificate of Service

I, Rachel T. Rose, Esq., hereby certify that on this the 3rd day of July 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application for Direct Appellate Review to be sent to the Middlesex District Attorney's office, Thomas Ralph Esq., tom.ralph@state.ma.us, via the Odyssey File and Serve System.

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<ul><li>Initiating Action:</li><li>ASSAULT TO KILL</li></ul>			
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Case Judge:			
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- Defendant Charge # 4:

Original Charge

Indicted Charge

Amended Charge

269/10G/A-0 FIREARM VIOL WITH 1 PRIOR VIOLENT/DRUG CRIME c269 §10G(a) (Felony)

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**Guilty Verdict** 

#### Meranda, Che Raymond

- Defendant

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Original Charge

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05/26/2022 02:00 PM	Woburn Magistrate Session		58A Dangerousness Hearing	Flaherty, Daniel	Held as Scheduled
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07/28/2022 09:00 AM	Criminal 1 Rm 430		Filing of Motions	Pierce, Hon. Laurence D	Held as Scheduled
10/25/2022 09:00 AM	Criminal 4 Rm 630		Scheduling Conference	Doolin, Hon. Michael	Held as Scheduled
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11/08/2022	Event Result:: Final Trial Conference scheduled on: 11/10/2022 12:30 PM  Has been: Rescheduled For the following reason: Joint request of parties  Hon. Patrick Haggan, Presiding  Staff: Michelle Goldman, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Mary Santiago, Assistant Clerk Magistrate		
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11/08/2022	Event Result:: Hearing on Motion to Continue scheduled on: 11/08/2022 11:00 AM  Has been: Held as Scheduled  Hon. Patrick Haggan, Presiding  Appeared: Prosecutor Ashlee Rose Mastrangelo, Esq., Attorney for the Commonwealth Defendant Keith Durden, Esq., Appointed - Indigent Defendant  Staff: Michelle Goldman, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Mary Santiago, Assistant Clerk Magistrate		
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12/27/2022	Stephen Mattos, Assistant Clerk Magistrate  Finding by Court: After hearing, and with argument from both parties, the Court finds that from the time between 5/16/22 to 10/25/22 is includable for 58A purposes. 163 days have run on the 58A time period. The Court further finds that the time between 12/27/22 to 3/20/23 is excludable by virtue of defendants rule 36 waiver. Commonwealth and defense objections are noted.		
	Applies To: Meranda, Che Raymond (Defendant)		
12/27/2022	Defendant oral motion to vacated Judge Cosgrove's 58A order. DENIED.		
	After hearing the Court denies the motion. There are no grounds to vacate Judge Cosgrove's 58A order of 5/26/22. Defense objections noted.		
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	Judge: Freniere, Hon Diane		
01/03/2023	Matter taken under advisement: Evidentiary Hearing on Suppression scheduled on: 01/03/2023 02:00 PM  Has been: Held - Under advisement  Comments: Joseph Blackburn FTR Monitor  Hon Diane Freniere, Presiding  Appeared:		

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	Memorandum Of Decision And Order On Defendant's Motions To Suppress Evidence (Ruling On Paper No.10) ORDER For the foregoing reasons, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendant's motion to suppress evidence,		Image
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01/09/2023	Endorsement on Defendant's Motion To Suppress Evidence From Warrantless Search On August 25, 2021, (#10.0): DENIED  See Memorandum Of Decision And Order On Defendant's Motions To Suppress Evidence		<u>Image</u>
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	Michelle Goldman, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Apriel Jordan, Assistant Clerk Magistrate		
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	Defendant Che Raymond Meranda, in person Keith Durden, Esq., Appointed - Indigent Defendant, in person Staff:		
	Michelle Goldman, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Apriel Jordan, Assistant Clerk Magistrate		
	CW requested pushing trial date back to following Monday (3/27/23), but could not be accommodated as it's the last week of the rotation/trial expected to run longer than one week. Trial date pushed to 4/3/23, with new TRC and bail hearing, scheduled for 3/7/23 (via zoom).		
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	Both parties answered ready for trial.		
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	After hearing, no change to bail status at this time. Pappas, J. 3/7/23		
03/08/2023	Docket Note: 58A Exhibits in Room 412 1 Envelope		
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	Defendant Che Raymond Meranda Keith Durden, Esq., Appointed - Indigent Defendant Staff: Jessica Noble, Assistant Clerk Lydia Fortune, FTR		
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	Staff: Christina Lucci, Assistant Clerk		
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	Christina Lucci, Assistant Clerk		
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)4/14/2023	Offense Disposition:: Charge #1 ASSAULT TO KILL 265/18/N-0 On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict - Lesser Included		
	Charge #2 ASSAULT W/DANGEROUS WEAPON c265 §15B(b) 265/15B/A-0 On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict - Lesser Included		
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	Charge #9 FIREARM, DISCHARGE WITHIN 500 FT OF BLDG c269 §12E On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict		
04/14/2023	Defendant arraigned before Court on two Armed Career Criminal, c. 269, sec. 10G(a) counts attached to Count 4 Possession of a Firearm and Count 6 Possession of Ammunition.		
	Defendant DID NOT waive the reading of the indictments. Indictments read in open court.		
	Judge: Kazanjian, Hon. Helene		
4/14/2023	Plea of not guilty entered on all charges.		
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	Christina Lucci, Assistant Clerk		
	Court Reporter FTR Christina Lucci		
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05/04/2023	Defendant sentenced:: Sentence Date: 05/04/2023		
	Charge #: 1 ASSAULT TO KILL State Prison Sentence Not Less Than: 7 Years, 0 Months, 0 Days Not More Than: 7 Years, 0 Months, 1 Days		
	Charge #: 2 ASSAULT W/DANGEROUS WEAPON c265 §15B(b) State Prison Sentence Not Less Than: 3 Years, 0 Months, 0 Days Not More Than: 3 Years, 0 Months, 1 Days Served Consecutively Charge # 1		
	Charge #: 4 FIREARM VIOL WITH 1 PRIOR VIOLENT/DRUG CRIME c269 §10G(a) State Prison Sentence Not Less Than: 3 Years, 0 Months, 0 Days Not More Than: 3 Years, 0 Months, 1 Days Served Concurrently Charge # 2		
	Charge #: 5 FIREARM, CARRY WITHOUT LICENSE LOADED c269 s.10(n)  Committed to HOC Term: 0 Years, 6 Months, 0 Days To Serve: 0 Years, 6 Months, 0 Days  Served Consecutively Charge # 4		
	Charge #: 9 FIREARM, DISCHARGE WITHIN 500 FT OF BLDG c269 §12E Committed to HOC Term: 0 Years, 3 Months, 0 Days To Serve: 0 Years, 3 Months, 0 Days Served Concurrently Charge # 5		
	Committed to Souza Baranowski Correctional Center Credits 388 Days		
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05/04/2023	Defendant sentenced:: Sentence Date: 05/04/2023		
	Mr. Meranda, on Indictment No 2181CR00441, after the jury has returned a verdict of guilty on count 001 on the lesser include offense of assault with intent to kill, count 002 on the lesser included offense of assault by means of a dangerous weapon, count 003 on the lesser included offense of assault with intent to kill, count 004 on possession of a firearm with guilty finding of armed career criminal pursuant to GL c. 269 sec. 10G(a), count 005 on possession of a loaded firearm, count 007 on reckless endangerment of a child, count 008 on reckless endangerment of a child and count 009 on discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling or building, the court having duly considered your offense, it is ordered by the court that:		

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Properties of pot more sentenced to the Sourza Paranowski Correctional Center for a term of not more

On count 001, you are sentenced to the Souza Baranowski Correctional Center for a term of not more than 7 years and 1 day, not less than 7 years.

On count 002, you are sentenced to the Souza Baranowski Correctional Center for a term of not more than 3 years and 1 day, not less than 3 years. This sentence is to run from and after the sentence imposed on count 001.

On count 004, you are sentenced to the Souza Baranowski Correctional Center for a term of not more than 3 years and 1 day, not less than 3 years. This sentence is to run concurrent with the sentence imposed on count 002.

On count 005, you are sentenced to the House of Corrections for a term of 6 months. This sentence is to run from and after the sentence imposed on count 004.

On count 009, you are sentenced to the House of Corrections for a term of 3 months. This sentence is to run concurrent with the sentence imposed on count 005.

388 days of jail credit will be applied to these sentences.

Count 006, the guilty verdict entered on 4/14/23 on possession of ammunition, and guilty finding of the court made 4/25/23 of Armed Career Criminal is vacated and a nolle prosequi shall enter.

On counts 003, 007, and 008, you are sentenced to 3 years probation. These sentences are to run concurrent with each other and from and after the sentence imposed on Count 005.

During the period of probation, along with the normal and standard conditions of probation, the following special conditions will be imposed:

- Stay away/no contact direct or indirect from victim
- Seek and maintain employment with verification to probation
- Stay away/no contact direct or indirect from Maurice Morris
- Enroll in and complete the Fatherhood Program

I must inform you, you have the right to appeal this sentence to the appellate division of the Superior Court, and this you must do within 10 days and in writing.

You have a right to appeal to this verdict to the Appeals Court. You must do so within 30 days and in writing.

Fees

\$90 - VWF

\$110 - DNA

\$150 - ICF

Charge #: 3 ASSAULT TO KILL

Served Consecutively Charge # 5

Charge #: 7 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF CHILD c265 §13L

Served Concurrently Charge # 3

Charge #: 8 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF CHILD c265 §13L

Served Concurrently Charge #3

Probation:

Risk / Need Supervision Duration: 3 Years, 0 Months, 0 Days

Conditions:

Obey all court orders and laws

You shall obey all local, state, and federal laws and all court orders.

Report to probation as ordered

You shall report to your assigned probation officer at such time and place as directed.

Notify probation of a change in address/employment

You shall notify the probation officer immediately of a change of residence or

employment.

Probation Supervision Fee

You shall pay the probation supervision fee, if required by law, unless waived by court order, or perform community service, if ordered by the court.

DNA sample

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	You shall submit a DNA sample in accordance with G.L. c. 22E, Sec. 3 and pay the required fee unless waived by the court.  Sign releases		
	You shall sign all releases for supervision and verification of compliance with these conditions of probation.  Home, school & work visits		
	You shall allow the probation officer to visit you at home, school or place of employment at any time with or without notice.  Reporting after incarceration		
	If you are incarcerated, you shall report to the Probation Service within 48 hours after you are released from incarceration or the next business day following a weekend or court holiday. If you are subject to GPS monitoring as a condition of probation, you shall report to the Probation Service immediately upon your release from incarceration.  Not to leave Massachusetts  You shall not leave Massachusetts without the express permission of the Probation		
	Service, and if permission is granted, you shall sign a waiver of extradition and rendition before traveling.		
	Poss of weapons,drugs,explosives,firearms or AMMO You shall not unlawfully receive, possess, control or transport any drugs, weapons explosives, firearms or ammunition.		
	New criminal charges You shall immediately inform the Probation Service of any new criminal charge(s). Court Ordered Fees		
	You shall pay all other court-ordered assessments and fees. Failure to pay court ordered assessments and fees are a violation of your conditions of probation and may result in the issuance of a violation notice and violation hearing. If you are found to be in violation of the terms and conditions of probation you may be subject to incarceration. If a change in circumstances renders you unable to pay, you have the "right to address the court" to show that payment "would cause a substantial financial hardship to you, your family or dependents."		
	Additional Special Condition Stay away/no contact direct or indirect from victim Additional Special Condition		
	Seek and maintain employment with verification to probation Additional Special Condition Stay away/no contact direct or indirect from Maurice Morris		
	Additional Special Condition  Enroll in and complete the fatherhood program		
05/04/2023	Event Result:: Hearing for Sentence Imposition scheduled on: 05/04/2023 02:00 PM Has been: Held as Scheduled Comments: Oral motion for mistrial DENIED. Hon. Helene Kazanjian, Presiding		
	Appeared: Prosecutor Ashlee Rose Mastrangelo, Esq., Attorney for the Commonwealth		
	Edward B Kim, Esq., Attorney for the Commonwealth Defendant Che Raymond Meranda Keith Durden, Esq., Appointed - Indigent Defendant		
	PO Gomes Staff: Lia Marino, Assistant Clerk & FTR		
5/04/2023	Endorsement on Motion to vacate guilty verdicts, (#70.0): ALLOWED ALLOWED without opposition. Kazanjian, J.		
5/04/2023	DNA fee WAIVED Judge: Kazanjian, Hon. Helene		<u>Image</u>
5/04/2023	After finding of severe financial hardship, victim/witness fee waived. Judge: Kazanjian, Hon. Helene		
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	Reissued with statutory reference to assault to kill added.		
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	Charge #2 ASSAULT W/DANGEROUS WEAPON c265 §15B(b) 265/15B/A-0 On: 04/14/2023		
	Charge #3 ASSAULT TO KILL 265/18/N-0 On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict - Lesser Included		
	Charge #4 FIREARM VIOL WITH 1 PRIOR VIOLENT/DRUG CRIME c269 §10G(a) 269/10G/A-0 On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict		
	Charge #5 FIREARM, CARRY WITHOUT LICENSE LOADED c269 s.10(n) On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict		
	Charge #6 AMMUNITION WITHOUT FID CARD, POSSESS c269 §10(h)(1) On: 05/04/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Nolle Prosequi		
	Charge #7 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF CHILD c265 §13L On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict		
	Charge #8 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF CHILD c265 §13L On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict		
	Charge #9 FIREARM, DISCHARGE WITHIN 500 FT OF BLDG c269 §12E On: 04/14/2023 Judge: Hon. Helene Kazanjian By: Jury Trial Guilty Verdict		
06/23/2023	Docket Note: Jury waived trial exhibits in Room 207A 2 Envelopes		
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05/10/2024	Attorney appearance On this date Rachel Rose, Esq. added as Appointed - Appellate Action for Defendant Che Raymond Meranda		<u>Image</u>
10/09/2024	Notice of appeal from sentence to Souza Baranowski Correctional Center filed by defendant (See scanned cover letter attached, Appellate Division allowed motion for late sentencing appeal)	78	Image
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05/13/2025	Notice to Clerk of the Appeals Court of Assembly of Record- Notice of Appeal (P#57-Jury Trial), Notice of Appeal (P#71-Jury Waived), List of Exhibits (P#54-Jury Trial Exhibit List), List of Exhibits (P#66-Jury Waived Exhibit List), List of Docket Entries, and Transcript dates of 1/3/23, 4/5/23, 4/10/23, 4/6/23, 4/7/23, 4/11/23, 4/12/23, 4/13/23, 4/25/13, & 5/4/23 (Appeal was sent via electronically to the Appeals Court, this day)	81	Image
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	Dated: May 19, 2025		
	RE: No. 2025-P-0601 Lower Court No: 2181CR00441		
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	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF APPEAL		
	In accordance with Massachusetts Rule of Appellate Procedure 10(a)(3), please note that the above-referenced case was entered in this Court on May 13, 2025.		
	Very truly yours, The Clerk's Office		
	If you have any questions, or wish to communicate with the Clerk's Office about this case, please contact the Clerk's Office at 617-921-4443. Thank you.		
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