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**RE: Task Force to Identify & Recommend Policies & Procedures to Improve the Accuracy of Eyewitness Identifications created by 2010 Rhode Island Public Law Chapters 165 & 169**

Dear Task Force Members:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 we met to discuss the initial logistical and organizational issues that needed to be addressed before the **Task Force to Identify & Recommend Policies & Procedures to Improve the Accuracy of Eyewitness Identifications** created by **2010 Rhode Island Public Law Chapters 165 & 169** can begin its important work. We came away from that meeting thoroughly encouraged by the spirit of cooperation and collaboration that we know will be present as the Task Force undertakes its legislative mandate.

We believe it best that we call for an initial meeting of the Task Force on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the Department of Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room. We will be crafting a formal agenda and circulating it to all Task Force members no later than Monday, August 9, 2010. Please advise if you or a named designee will be attending this meeting. Finally, in anticipation of this initial meeting we are suggesting that Task Force members familiarize themselves with the following overview materials that were covered by the letter you received from Mr. Hardiman dated July 8, 2010:

- *Rhode Island Public Law 2010, Chapters 169 & 165*
- Report of the Special Master released on June 18, 2010 and ordered by the New Jersey Supreme Court in *State v. Henderson, 2009 N.J. LEXIS 45 (NJ 2/26/09)*. This report is on the CD-ROM covered by the letter and is also available at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/pressrel/pr100621a.htm>.
- *New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines for Preparing and Conducting Photo and Live Lineup Identification Procedures (2001)*. These guidelines are on the CD-ROM covered by the letter and are also available at <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/agguide/photoid.pdf>.

Thank you for your interest as we begin the important work of the Task Force. Please feel free to contact us at anytime with any questions or concerns that you might have.

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