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1 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
2 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

3 STATE OF ALASKA,

4 Plaintiff,

5 vs.

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7 CLYDE EDWARD SNIFFEN, JR.

8 DOB: [REDACTED]

9 APSIN ID: [REDACTED]

10 DMV NO. [REDACTED]

11 ATN: [REDACTED]

12 Defendant.

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13 No. (Clyde Edward Sniffen, Jr.)

14 INFORMATION

15 I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court. The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990: **NONE**

16 Count I - AS 11.41.438(a)(2)
17 Sexual Abuse of a Minor in the Third Degree
18 Clyde Edward Sniffen Jr. - 001

19 Count II - AS 11.41.438(a)(2)
20 Sexual Abuse of a Minor in the Third Degree
21 Clyde Edward Sniffen Jr. - 002

22 Count III - AS 11.41.438(a)(2)
23 Sexual Abuse of a Minor in the Third Degree
24 Clyde Edward Sniffen Jr. - 003

25 THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR CHARGES:

26 COUNT I
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1 That on or about May 14, 1991 to May 28, 1991, at or near Anchorage, in the
2 Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, **CLYDE EDWARD SNIFFEN, JR.** being 18
3 years of age or older, engaged in sexual penetration, with NDW (DOB: 10/31/73), a
4 person who was 16 or 17 years of age and at least three years younger than the offender,
5 and the offender occupied a position of authority in relation to the victim.

6 All of which is a class C Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS
7 11.41.438(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

8 **COUNT II**

9 That on or about May 14, 1991 to May 28, 1991 at a time different than Count I,
10 at or near Anchorage, in the Third Judicial District , State of Alaska, **CLYDE EDWARD**
11 **SNIFFEN, JR.** being 18 years of age or older, engaged in sexual penetration, with NDW
12 (DOB: 10/31/1973), a person who was 16 or 17 years of age and at least three years
13 younger than the offender, and the offender occupied a position of authority in relation to
14 the victim.

15 All of which is a class C Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS
16 11.41.438(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

17 **COUNT III**

18 That on or about May 29, 1991, at or near Anchorage, in the Third Judicial
19 District, State of Alaska, **CLYDE EDWARD SNIFFEN, JR.** being 18 years of age or
20 older, engaged in sexual penetration, with NDW (DOB: 10/31/1991), a person who was
21 16 or 17 years of age and at least three years younger than the offender, and the offender
22 occupied a position of authority in relation to the victim.

23 All of which is a class C Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS
24 11.41.438(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

1 The facts supporting this information are based upon my review of the Anchorage
2 Police investigative report 2-3608 of Detective G. Brown of the Anchorage Police
3 Department. His investigation revealed the following:

4 On February 2, 2020, Detective Brown was assigned to investigate a sexual abuse
5 of a minor case that occurred in 1991 and that had recently been reported in the
6 Anchorage Daily News. As part of his investigation, Detective Brown interviewed the
7 victim NDW. NDW reported that in the Spring of 1991 she was 17 years old and was a
8 senior attending West High School. She first met Sniffen when she joined the school's
9 mock trial team. He was a coach for the team, and she was a student member of the
10 team. When the team won the state tournament, they began preparing to attend the
11 national tournament. Sniffen was the coach and there were eight students on the team: all
12 juniors and seniors. The team practiced almost every evening. NDW would have to
13 leave earlier than the other students because her parents had a set curfew for her. Sniffen
14 was at almost every practice.

15 The students flew to New Orleans to attend the National Mock Trial competition.
16 Sniffen traveled to the competition on a different flight. Two other adults accompanied
17 the students on the trip. One was the West High School Debate Team coach and English
18 teacher, and the other the State Coordinator for Mock trial.

19 On the night of May 10th, 1991, the students went out to socialize on Bourbon
20 Street. NDW and the other students were going from place to place, and their
21 identification was not being checked. Some of the students were drinking alcohol; NDW
22 didn't drink much alcohol due to her household rules. Sniffen joined the group of
23 students. This was the first time NDW had been around Sniffen in a social setting.
24 Sniffen gathered the students' drink orders and NDW ordered a "virgin" pina colada.
25 She drank from the pina colada and began to feel a little woozy. She asked Sniffen about
26 the drink and he told her that it had alcohol in it and had asked the bartender to throw in
27 an extra shot. During the night Sniffen ordered pitchers of beer, hurricane mixed drinks,
and other drinks for himself and the students. Sniffen was the only adult present with the
students out socializing.

1 Sniffen began to flirt with NDW, and he was talking almost exclusively with her.
2 He suggested that they go back to the hotel. NDW accompanied him to his hotel room.
3 She was very intoxicated. They began kissing and engaged in sexual intercourse. Sniffen
4 told her that “you can’t tell anybody about this” and “if you tell anybody about this, I will
5 lose my job.” He also stated to her, “I can’t believe I’m doing this.”

6 The next day, May 11th, the team watched the finals together then attended the
7 awards banquet. After the banquet the team and Sniffen returned to Bourbon Street,
8 consumed alcohol, and socialized. NDW again returned to Sniffen’s hotel room, and they
9 again engaged in sexual intercourse.

10 NDW told another team member, CM, who was one of her roommates on the trip
11 about Sniffen having sex with her. Another student on the trip, CG, confirmed that
12 Sniffen joined the students in the bars on Bourbon Street. He noticed that Sniffen and
13 NDW were “acting very close” and he observed Sniffen placing his arm around NDW
14 while they were drinking. CG indicated that CM told him the details of sexual
15 relationship between Sniffen and NDW on the flight back to Anchorage.

16 Upon returning to Anchorage on May 12, 1991, Sniffen had sexual intercourse
17 with NDW on at least three separate occasions between May 13, 1991, and the night of
18 NDW’s graduation on May 29, 1991. One incident occurred at the home of Sniffen’s
19 friends [REDACTED] when the [REDACTED] were not present at the residence.
20 Another incident occurred when Sniffen engaged in sexual intercourse with NDW at
21 another one of his friend’s homes, when no one else was present in the home. NDW did
22 not know the name of this friend, nor does she recall the location of the residence. The
23 third incident occurred on graduation night at a hotel room being used for luggage storage
24 at the Captain Cook Hotel. [REDACTED] worked at the Captain Cook Hotel, and he
25 opened the room for Sniffen and NDW. They had sexual intercourse in the hotel room.
26 Those three occasions where the times NDW could distinctly remember occurring
27 between the return from New Orleans, May 12, 1991, and May 29, 1991.

28 Their relationship continued beyond her graduation through her 18th birthday on
29 October 3, 1991. Sniffen had co-signed on a lease agreement posing as NDW’s “uncle”

1 because at 17 she couldn't sign the lease. The relationship continued with them dating,
2 living together, and then dating more until February 1993.

3 In addition to her association with Sniffen on the moot court team, NDW was also
4 a judge on the Anchorage Youth Court (AYC) until her graduation from high school.
5 During the month of May 1991, she continued to sit on AYC cases. Sniffen was an
6 attorney/advisor to the AYC, and NDW stated that Sniffen was aware of her being a
7 youth court judge and would often see her in the youth court offices.

8 During the month of May NDW considered Sniffen to be her moot court coach, was
9 aware of him as an adult advisor at the AYC and recognized that he was in a position of
10 authority in relation to her being a high school student on the West High School Moot
11 Court team and as a judge on the AYC.

12 Browns investigation revealed that Sniffen was born [REDACTED] 1963, making
13 him 27 years old at the time he engaged in this conduct. MDW was born October 31,
14 1973, making her 17 years old at the time of the conduct by Sniffen.

15 Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 27th day of May, 2022.

16 TREG R. TAYLOR
17 ATTORNEY GENERAL

18 By: Gregg M. Olson
19 Gregory M. Olson
20 Special Prosecutor
21 Alaska Bar No. 8903008

22 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27th day of May 2022 at

23 Anchorage, Alaska.



Maci J. King
Notary Public in and for Alaska
My commission expires: With Office