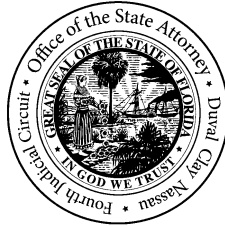


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Re: *State of Florida v. Kevin Williamson*

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This letter is a courtesy and a follow-up to our May 26, 2022, meeting regarding *State of Florida v. Kevin Williamson*. As you are representing the victim, Rayme McCoy, in this matter, this letter also serves as victim notification of the State's filing decision in the aforementioned case.

After a thorough review of the law, the facts in this case, and Williamson's criminal history, the State will file one count of Felony Battery (*F.S. 784.03(2)*) against Williamson. The basis for this decision is Williamson's 1990 conviction in Washington for Rape of a Child – First Degree, which contains the essential elements of a battery and is a qualifying prior offense under the law. As you are aware, Felony Battery is a third-degree offense punishable by up to five years in Florida State Prison.

There have been media reports and some calls for Williamson's criminal conduct to be classified as a "hate crime" under Florida law (*F.S. 775.085*) but the State is unable to file this enhancement because (1) there is no evidence Williamson individually targeted McCoy based on her race; and (2) McCoy's actions immediately prior to Williamson committing a Felony Battery. The State is ethically obligated to only file charges in which it believes it can prove beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury.

Should you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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