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**Off-duty Cleveland Police Officer Indicted
on Numerous Counts Involving Child Victim**

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CLEVELAND –Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Solomon Nhiwatiwa, 34, for Attempted Kidnapping and multiple sexual offenses involving a 12-year-old female victim.

“These actions are impossible to comprehend,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “My office will hold him accountable and ensure that he never holds the position of police officer again.”

On the morning of August 16, 2019, the victim was waiting for a school bus on Euclid Ave in the city of Euclid. Nhiwatiwa, an off-duty Cleveland Police officer, drove past her with his windows rolled down, attempted to engage in a conversation, and asked if she needed a ride to school. The victim refused his offer and he drove away. The defendant returned approximately a minute later, parked his vehicle, approached the victim, exposed his genitals, and began urinating on the victim while it appeared he was filming himself with his cellphone. He then walked back to his car and drove away.

Nhiwatiwa has been indicted on the following charges:

- 1 count of Attempted Kidnapping (with Sexual Motivation Specification)
- 1 count of Pandering Obscenity Involving A Minor
- 1 count of Disseminating Matter Harmful To Juveniles
- 1 count of Endangering Children
- 1 count of Criminal Child Enticement
- 1 count of Public Indecency
- 1 count of Assault
- 1 count of Attempted Interference With Custody

Nhiwatiwa turned himself in to Euclid Police yesterday and remains in Euclid City Jail. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, August 26th at 8:30am at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center.

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