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## **County Prosecutor's Office Files Motion to Vacate Conviction of Evin King**

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that the Office has filed a motion with the Court to vacate Evin King's conviction due to the new review of the forensic evidence presented at trial.

King was convicted for the murder his girlfriend, Crystal Hudson. Based upon scientific evidence, King's presence in the apartment, and inconsistent statements by King, a jury found King guilty of murder in 1995.

King has since litigated his conviction and claimed his innocence. This year, the Appeals Court ordered a hearing on King's claims regarding the advancement of DNA testing. The Prosecutor's Office consulted with the Medical Examiner who explained that the way DNA evidence was interpreted at the time of King's trial is no longer valid today. As a result, Prosecutor O'Malley has asked the court to vacate King's conviction.

"The State must pursue justice. After learning of the current analysis of the evidence, I believe that it is my duty to vacate Evin King's conviction," said Prosecutor O'Malley.

Judge Brian Corrigan has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday, April 19, at 8:30am. King is being transported from Grafton Correctional Facility.

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