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**SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT JUSTICE DENIES DEFENSE MOTION TO HAVE  
RAPE DEFENDANT'S BAIL DECREASED**

**BROCKTON** – A single justice with the Supreme Judicial Court has denied the petition of an alleged child rapist to have his bail lowered from \$150,000 down to \$500, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

On March 13, 2024, at approximately 7:06 p.m., Rockland Police were dispatched to the Comfort Inn at 850 Hingham Street for a report of a sexual assault. The Comfort Inn is currently part of a state/federal program to house immigrant families. Cory Alvarez, 26, resided at that address.

Upon arrival, Rockland Police encountered the 15-year-old female victim, who was then transported to South Shore Hospital for treatment. As a result of their investigation, Rockland Police developed probable cause to arrest Alvarez, and he was taken into custody. Alvarez was subsequently indicted by a grand jury on one count each of Aggravated Rape of a Child with 10 Year Age Difference, and Rape of a Child by Force.

Alvarez filed a petition seeking release from the \$150,000 bail previously imposed by a judge to prevent his imminent deportation. A hearing was held on the petition last Friday before Associate Justice Serge Georges Jr. at the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston.

Today, Associate Justice Serge Georges Jr. issued his written ruling denying the petition of Alvarez. The Commonwealth requested an increase in Alvarez's initial bail of \$500 after learning of the intent of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) authorities to deport Alvarez to Haiti prior to the resolution of his pending criminal case. Alvarez posted the initial \$500 bail, but he was subsequently arrested by ICE on August 13 and held on a detainer.

“After hearing, I find that the judge did not abuse her discretion in determining that this high amount is necessary to assure the defendant's appearance at trial,” Associate Justice Georges Jr. wrote in his ruling, “...The defendant is subject to an imminent deportation order, which he [has] not challenged in any way, and it appears that if he is released on bail, he will be promptly removed from this country by Federal authorities. In these circumstances, the judge properly found it necessary to detain him until trial by setting bail in a higher than affordable amount.”

DA Cruz said, "I am pleased that the single justice denied this defendant's petition seeking relief to lower his bail. We will continue on with prosecution of this case, most importantly to seek justice on behalf of the child victim, but also to ensure that both the victim, and Alvarez have their day in court."

Alvarez is next scheduled to appear in court on November 26.