

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE COUNTY**

**SUPERIOR COURT**

**PROVIDENCE, SC.**

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND :**

**VS.**

**INDICTMENT NO.: P1-2020-3184A**

**JOHN PETROCELLI,  
alias John Doe**

**INDICTMENT**

The Statewide Grand Jury of the State of Rhode Island charges:

**Introduction**

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. According to Diocesan records, the defendant John Petrocelli (Defendant) was ordained as a priest on June 8, 1971.
2. Based on witness testimony and Diocesan records, Defendant served as an Assistant Pastor at Holy Family Parish, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island from on or about November 6, 1981 until on or about October 3, 1990.
3. According to Diocesan records, Defendant withdrew from the exercise of public ministry in the Diocese of Providence in 2002. He was granted retirement by the Diocese of Providence in 2012.

**COUNT 1**

**(First Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.1)**

4. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 4 of this Indictment.

5. Defendant on or about a day or date between November 1, 1985 and November 30, 1985, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual penetration (defendant performed fellatio upon the victim) with \_\_\_\_\_, who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.1 and § 11-37-8.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

**COUNT 2**

**(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)**

6. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 6 of this Indictment.

7. Defendant on or about a day or date between November 1, 1985 and November 30, 1985, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant touched the outside of the victim's anus with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

**COUNT 3**

**(First Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.1)**

8. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Indictment.

9. Defendant on or about a day or date between November 1, 1985 and February 9, 1986, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual penetration (defendant performed fellatio upon the victim) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.1 and § 11-37-8.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

**COUNT 4**

**(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)**

10. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Indictment.

11. Defendant on or about a day or date between March 14, 1986 and March 14, 1989, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant touched the victim's penis with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

COUNT 5

(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)

12. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 12 of this Indictment.

13. Defendant on or about a day or date between March 14, 1986 and March 14, 1989, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant touched the victim's buttocks with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

COUNT 6

(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)

14. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 14 of this Indictment.

15. Defendant on or about a day or date between March 14, 1986 and March 14, 1990, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant touched the victim's penis with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time

was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

#### COUNT 7

(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)

16. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Indictment.

17. Defendant on or about a day or date between March 14, 1986 and March 14, 1990, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant touched the victim's penis with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

#### COUNT 8

(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)

18. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 18 of this Indictment.

19. Defendant on or about a day or date between March 14, 1986 and March 14, 1990, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant

touched the victim's penis with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

### COUNT 9

**(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)**

20. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 20 of this Indictment.

21. Defendant on or about a day or date between March 14, 1986 and March 14, 1990, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the Town of Exeter, in the County of Washington, did engage in sexual contact (defendant placed the victim's hand on his penis) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

### COUNT 10

**(First Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.1)**

22. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Indictment.

23. Defendant on or about a day or date between March 14, 1986 and March 14, 1990, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the Town of Exeter, in the County of Washington, did engage in sexual penetration (defendant performed



fellatio upon the victim) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person thirteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.1 and § 11-37-8.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1984).

### COUNT 11

(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)

24. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 24 of this Indictment.

25. Defendant on or about a day or date between September 1, 1989 and October 4, 1990, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant touched the victim's penis with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person fourteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1988).

### COUNT 12

(Second Degree Child Molestation Sexual Assault – R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3)


26. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 26 of this Indictment.

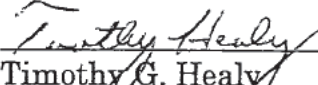
27. Defendant on or about a day or date between September 1, 1989 and October 4, 1990, the exact day or date unknown by the Grand Jury, in the City of

Woonsocket, in the County of Providence, did engage in sexual contact (defendant touched the victim's penis with his hand) with \_\_\_\_\_ who at that time was a person fourteen years of age or under, in violation of § 11-37-8.3 and § 11-37-8.4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended (Enacted in 1988).

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