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On or about January 9, 2015 the Durham Police Department began investigating a rape or sexual assault and related criminal offenses that were alleged to have occurred in the area of 2505 West Chapel Hill St. The events that were investigated were related to an Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity party at 2505 West Chapel Hill St. that began on the night of January 8, 2015 and continued into the early morning hours of January 9, 2015.

The Durham Police Department conducted an extensive and thorough investigation that included but was not limited to executing several search warrants, witness interviews, forensic examinations and consultations with experts. During this investigation, I and several experienced prosecutors within my office, have consulted with and advised investigators as well as conducted legal research related to the investigation. We have also spoken to witnesses and experts in our review of the evidence. Based on our careful review of witness statements, investigating officers' notes, results of tests and examinations, applicable statutes, case law and the standard of proof, I have decided not to seek an indictment charging any subject of the investigation with a criminal offense.

The nature of the conduct investigated and of the alleged offenses investigated is personal and sensitive. It is with respect for the sensitive subject matter and the complaining witness, that I will not release more details of the investigation to the public. Although this is a very difficult decision to accept by the complaining witness, who has been extremely cooperative with the Durham Police Department and the Office of the District Attorney, this is the appropriate decision given the available evidence and the applicable law.

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