## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT DEPT.
DOCKET NO. PLCR2010-00191

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPERIOR COURT DEPT. OF THE TRIAL COURT
PLYMOUTH COUNTY
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Clerk of Courts

MOTION TO SEVER

Now comes the defendant, Terry Lowery, and respectfully requests that this

Honorable Court sever the charges against him from those of his co-defendants and order
that the matters be tried separately.

This request is made pursuant to the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution, as well as Article XII of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights and Mass.R.Crim.P. 9.

In support thereof, Mr. Lowery states the following:

- 1. Severance is required to protect Lowery's constitutional rights pursuant to 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution, as well as Article XII.
- 2. Severance is required because Lowery and his co-defendants will present mutually antagonistic defenses.
- 3. Severance is required because joinder would unfairly prejudice Lowery and prevent him from obtaining a fair trial.
- 4. Severance is required because of alleged statements made by Lowery's codefendants.
- 5. Severance is required to ensure that Lowery's rights to due process, to confront witnesses, and to present a complete defense are not violated.
- Because of the small number of witnesses and evidence necessary for this short trial, any prejudice to the Commonwealth caused by severing the cases would be minimal.

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