



Cambridge Police Department

Photo Array Instruction Form

1. You are being asked to view a set of photographs.
2. You will be viewing the photographs one at a time and in random order.
3. Please look at all of them. I am required to show you the entire series.
4. Please make a decision about each photograph before moving on to the next one.
5. The person you saw may or may not be in the set of photographs you are about to view.
6. You should remember that it is just as important to clear innocent persons from suspicion as to identify the guilty.
7. The officer showing the photographs does not know whether any of the people in the array are the person you saw.
8. The individuals in the photographs may not appear exactly as they did on the date of the incident because features such as head and facial hair are subject to change.
9. Regardless of whether or not you select a photograph, the police department will continue to investigate the incident.
10. If you select someone, the procedure requires the officer to ask you to state, in your own words, how certain you are.
11. If you do select a photograph(s), please do not ask the officer questions about the person you have selected, as no information can be shared with you at this stage of the investigation.
12. Regardless of whether you select a photograph(s), please do not discuss the procedure with any other witnesses in the case or the media.
13. Do you have any questions before we begin?

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Officer Signature _____ Date _____

Administrator Signature _____ Date _____

If an identification is made, ask:

“Without using a numeric scale, how certain are you?”¹

¹ If an identification is made, the witness should be asked to initial and date the front of any photograph selected.