

STATE OF MAINE  
DISTRICT COURT  
YORK COUNTY

July 21st 2025

Location: Biddeford

YORK JUDICIAL CTR FC  
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Docket No.: YRKCD-CR-2024-04263

STATE OF MAINE

v.

Lucas Lanigan,  
Defendant

**MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE AND VIOLATION OF  
SIXTH AMENDMENT**

(Filed at Trial Docket Call)

NOW COMES the Defendant, Lucas Lanigan, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court, at the time of the trial docket call, to dismiss all charges in the above-captioned matter on the grounds that the prosecution lacks admissible evidence to proceed, and in violation of the Defendant's constitutional rights under the Sixth Amendment, and in support thereof states:

1. The alleged victim has formally recanted all prior statements made to law enforcement that form the basis of the prosecution's case.
2. The alleged victim has communicated her willingness to testify in open court that her original statements were false and not made under duress, threat, or emotional distress.
3. The State is now attempting to rely exclusively on the alleged victim's prior out-of-court statements, despite her availability and willingness to testify to their inaccuracy. Statement made by prosecution at Pre Conference Hearing June 20th 2025. They will not be calling alleged victim Catalina Lanigan to testify.

4. Such statements are inadmissible hearsay pursuant to Rule 801(c) of the Maine Rules of Evidence and fail to meet the criteria for any recognized exception under Rule 803 or 804.5. Moreover, the State's attempt to admit such statements violates the Defendant's Sixth Amendment right to confront witnesses, as outlined in *Crawford v. Washington*, 541 U.S. 36 (2004), and further enforced by Maine case law including *State v. Kimball*, 2015 ME 67.

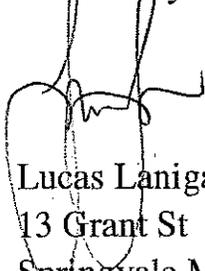
6. The prosecution has not identified any independent physical or testimonial evidence sufficient to sustain the burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt without reliance on the victim's inadmissible hearsay.

7. Continuing to trial under these circumstances would not only waste judicial resources, but also contravene the Defendant's fundamental constitutional protections.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion and dismiss all pending charges with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 21st 2025



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

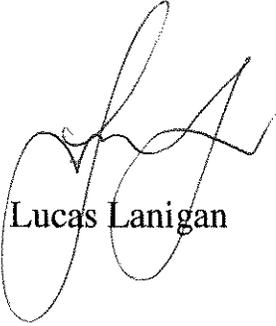
I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss was served upon the Office of the District Attorney for York county by:

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Dated: July 21st 2025



Lucas Lanigan