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In Senate, March 4, 2003

An Act To Release the Records of the Attorney General and the Maine State Police Regarding the Investigation, Prosecution and Trial of Dennis Dechaine

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and Representatives: JACKSON of Fort Kent, SMITH of Van Buren. Sec. 1. Application of Title 16, section 614. Notwithstanding
Public Law 1993, chapter 719, section 11, the intelligence and investigative information contained in the reports and records of
the Department of the Attorney General prepared by or at the request of the department before July 1, 1995 relating to the
unlawful homicide of Sara Cherry of Bowdoin, with the exception of photographs of the victim, is governed by the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 16, section 614.

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## SUMMARY

This bill exempts certain intelligence and investigative records of the Department of the Attorney General from the operation of Public Law, 1993, chapter 719, section 11 that declared all such records to be confidential. Instead, those records pertaining the unlawful homicide of Sarah Cherry in Bowdoin would become subject to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 16, section 614, which applies to intelligence and investigative records after July 1, 1995.