

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Superior Court
Criminal Session

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

vs

Nicola Sacco & Bartolomeo Vanzetti

Affidavit of
Sheriff Samuel H. Capen

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