

*Virginia:*

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE**

Commonwealth of Virginia,

v.

Docket Number: CR24-417

WILLIAM A. BARNES, JR.,

Defendant

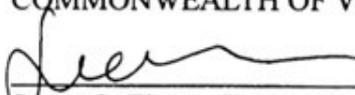
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as we may be heard, the Commonwealth will withdraw its objection to the Motion for Change of Venue filed by the Defendant on February 5, 2025. The Commonwealth joins in the defense motion for several reasons. First, a related case was tried to a jury in January, and the jury was unable to reach a verdict. Second, jury selection in that case was lengthy and many potential jurors had conflicts, even at least one who failed to admit her conflict when initially questioned. Third, the daily media coverage during that trial has added to the thorough media coverage that occurred prior to the trial. The Commonwealth believes a change of venue is necessary to ensure a fair trial to all parties.

Respectfully Submitted,  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

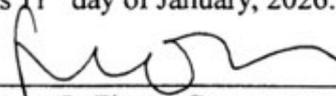
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was emailed to Craig S. Cooley, Esq, Counsel for the Defendant, at [cooleycs@msn.com](mailto:cooleycs@msn.com) on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

  
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