

STATE OF MARYLAND

2015 JAN 15 A*10: 50 IN THE

CRIMINAL DIVISION CIRCUIT COURT

v. * FOR
CAESAR GOODSON * BALTIMORE CITY
* Ind. #115141032

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**DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION TO APPELLATE COURT'S ORDER
AND RESULTANT POSTPONEMENT OF OFFICER GOODSON'S TRIAL**

Defendant, Caesar Goodson, ("Defendant" or "Officer Goodson") through his counsel, files for the record this objection to the Court of Special Appeals' Order directing this Court to stay the above captioned matter and the resultant indefinite postponement of his trial. In support thereof, Officer Goodson avers:

1. On May 22, 2015, Officer Goodson was indicted with seven charges, including second degree murder relating to his operation of the van in which Freddie Gray was transported.
2. On September 2, 2015, this Court granted the motion for severance filed by Defendant Caesar Goodson and the other indicted officers. The Court directed the State to identify the order in which it wished to try the defendants, as well as the anticipated length of each trial. On that same day, the State affirmatively informed this Honorable Court of the State's decision to try Officer Porter first.
3. On September 15, 2015, the State advised the Court in writing that after it tried Porter, the order of defendants would be: Goodson, White, Miller, Nero and Rice. The State represented to the Court that, "Defendant Porter is a necessary and material witness in the cases against Defendants Goodson and White, so it is imperative that Mr. Porter's trial takes place before their trials." Based on the State's litigation strategy (and perhaps the lack of independent evidence),

