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CTIMINAL DIVISION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY CASE No. 115141032

CAESAR GOODSON

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STATE'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE OFFICER WILLIAM PORTER FROM TESTIFYING AT OFFICER GOODSON'S TRIAL IN THE ABSENCE OF A WRITTEN OPINION FROM THE COURT OF APPEALS

Now comes the State of Maryland, by and through Marilyn J. Mosby, the State's Attorney for Baltimore City; Michael Schatzow, Chief Deputy State's Attorney for Baltimore City; Janice L. Bledsoe, Deputy State's Attorney for Baltimore City; and Matthew Pillion, Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City; and responds as follows to the Defendant's Motion In Limine to Preclude Officer William Porter from Testifying at Officer Goodson's Trial in the Absence of a Written Opinion from the Court of Appeals:

- 1. On May 11, 2016, the Defendant filed a Motion In Limine to Preclude Officer William Porter from Testifying at Officer Goodson's Trial in the Absence of a Written Opinion from the Court of Appeals.<sup>1</sup> The Defendant averred that the Court of Appeals might impose some limitation on the scope of Porter's testimony when it issued its full opinion detailing the reasons it denied Porter's appeal of this Court's immunity order.
- 2. Subsequently, the Court of Appeals did, in fact, issue its full opinion, reported as *State* v. *Rice*, \_\_\_ Md. \_\_\_, 2016 Md. LEXIS 290 (May 20, 2016). The Court fully agreed with every argument the State made regarding compelling Porter's testimony, and the Court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The State will not repeat the procedural history that led to Porter's appeal or the March 8, 2016, per curiam order of the Court of Appeals. That history has been amply set forth in other pleadings.

set no limit on the scope of Porter's testimony in Goodson's trial. As such, the Defendant's Motion is both moot and meritless.

Wherefore, the State asks that this Court deny the Defendant's Motion In Limine to Preclude Officer William Porter from Testifying at Officer Goodson's Trial in the Absence of a Written Opinion from the Court of Appeals.

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I hereby certify that on this 27th day of May, 2016, a copy of the State's Response to the Defendant's Motion In Limine to Preclude Officer William Porter from Testifying at Officer Goodson's Trial in the Absence of a Written Opinion from the Court of Appeals was mailed and e-mailed to:

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