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STATE OF MARYLAND

\* IN THE

\* CIRCUIT COURT FOR CRIMINAL DIVISION

v.

\* BALTIMORE CITY

WILLIAM PORTER

\* Case No. 115141037

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ORDER

This Court is concerned about the impact that extensive publicity could have on the Defendant's right to a fair trial, the State's right to a fair trial, and the ability of this Court to ensure that the five remaining cases yet to be tried before this Court receive the same constitutional protections.

This Court is aware of the history of the publicity and intense media scrutiny surrounding this case. Based on this history, this Court expects such publicity to continue throughout the course of this trial and the remaining five trials.

This Court has taken into account the publicity and surrounding circumstances and given the parties the opportunity to be heard, and finds by clear and convincing evidence that the disclosure of names of the jurors in this case creates a substantial danger that one or more jurors will likely be subjected to improper influence or undue harassment. Due to the extensive publicity in this case, including numerous articles and reports at the local, national, and international level, it is highly likely that without a Court order, this publicity would enhance the possibility that jurors' names would become public and expose them to unwanted publicity or harassment.

Based on this finding, pursuant to Maryland Rule 4-312, it is this 2nd day of December, 2015, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, hereby

**ORDERED** that the jurors are to remain anonymous and their names are not to be disclosed to anyone other than the judge, court staff, counsel, and the defendant until further order from the Court.

Judge Barry G. Williams

Judge's Signature appears on the  
original document

BARRY G. WILLIAMS  
JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
BALTIMORE CITY

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