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Media Advisory

Pre-Trial Motions Hearing for State of Maryland v. William Porter on November 24, 2015

WHAT:

A hearing on pre-trial motions Judge Barry G. Williams, presiding judge

WHEN:

Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE:

Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Courthouse East 111 N. Calvert Street, Courtroom 234 Baltimore, MD 21202

Editor's Note:

A limited amount of courtroom seating will be reserved for the media for the motions hearing. To request a reserved seat, media representatives must contact the Maryland Judiciary's Office of Communications and Public Affairs via email at

communications@mdcourts.gov. Emails requesting reserved seating must include: the first and last names of the media representative, the name of the media outlet, work and cell telephone numbers, and email address. Media seats in the courtroom will be reserved on a first-come, first-served, one media representative per media outlet basis until the reserved space is filled. The Office of Communications and Public Affairs will allocate seats in the order that requests are received and will communicate to the Sheriff's Office the names of those media representatives who are assigned reserved seats. Media representatives must arrive by 8 a.m. in order to be seated. The names of additional or alternative media representatives may be submitted, but will be assigned a seat only if reserved capacity allows or if there is sufficient public seating. The

media will be provided a designated room where electronic devices can be used. Wi-Fi is not available in the courthouse. Media representatives should bring their own Wi-Fi connection devices.

Parking will be prohibited around both courthouses during the hearing. Parking restrictions will be strictly enforced. A separate staging area for media trucks will be located at City Hall Plaza. Media trucks may park at the staging area starting at 12:01 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Media representatives must not block pedestrian walkways and sidewalks and cannot restrict any public areas for media use.

All media representatives should read the <u>Security/Media Protocol Order</u> to learn about the processes and procedures in effect during the pre-trial motions hearing. Pursuant to this order, the provisions of the <u>Security/Media Protocol Order dated August 26, 2015</u>, shall apply to this hearing. Media representatives should also be familiar with the Maryland Judiciary's policy on Cell Phones, Other Electronic Devices, and Cameras in Court Facilities.

Copies of all filings made in these cases after September 14, 2015, are posted to the <u>Baltimore City Circuit Court High Profile Cases</u> webpage.

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