

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF SEARCH WARRANT RETURNS  
FOR THE SEARCHES OF

1. 222 14<sup>TH</sup> St., NW, Apartment Number 9, Charlottesville, VA 22903
2. The person of George Huguely, a white male, date of birth 9/17/1987
3. 230 14<sup>th</sup> St., N.W. Apartment 6, Charlottesville, VA 22903

ORDER REGARDING THE TEMPORARY SEALING OF  
SEARCH WARRANT RETURNS RELATED TO COMPLETED  
SEARCHES IN THE CASE OF COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
V. GEORGE HUGUELY

CAME BEFORE this Court the Commonwealth, by counsel, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010 pursuant to Code of Virginia 19.2-54, and requested the entry of an Order temporarily sealing the returns of certain search warrants set forth above relating to searches that have been completed in the City of Charlottesville as a part of the investigation in the case of Commonwealth of Virginia v. George Huguely.

In particular, the Commonwealth requested that the Court temporarily seal the accompanying Petition, this Order,, and the referred to search warrant returns that will be made to the Clerk of the Charlottesville Circuit Court. Copies of the affected returns are attached to this Order.

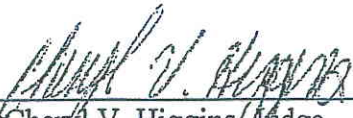
It appearing that

1. The investigation referred to in the above-referenced case is active and ongoing;


2. The events underlying the above-referenced case are receiving and are expected to continue to receive widespread publicity in local, state, and national news media;
3. The referred to returns itemize specific objects and documents that may become actual exhibits in any trial of the above referenced case;
4. The public dissemination at this time of highly detailed information such as contained in the search warrant returns may prejudice the ability of law enforcement authorities to continue their investigation into the events gave rise to a charge of first degree murder against the defendant, George Huguely; and, it further appearing that
5. The public dissemination at this time of highly detailed information such as contained in the search warrant returns may prejudice the ability in any subsequent trial to select an impartial jury that is free from the influence of any pretrial publicity, especially information about specific items of evidence or potential evidence,

the requested relief is hereby Granted and the Clerk of the Charlottesville Circuit Court is respectfully directed to temporarily seal the accompanying Petition, this Order, and the referred to search warrant returns until the entry of a subsequent Order unsealing them by a Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of the Commonwealth of Virginia who presides in the City of Charlottesville Circuit Court.

Entered this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

  
Cheryl V. Higgins, Judge  
16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Commonwealth of Virginia

I ask for this:

  
Warner D. Chapman  
Commonwealth's Attorney  
City of Charlottesville