

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

ORDER REGARDING THE TEMPORARY SEALING OF AN AFFIDAVIT
FOR A SEARCH WARRANT, THE SEARCH WARRANT ITSELF, AND ANY
RETURN THEREON RELATED TO A SEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE
CASE OF COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
V. GEORGE HUGUELY

CAME BEFORE this Court the Commonwealth, by counsel, this 7th day of May, 2010 pursuant to Code of Virginia 19.2-54, and requested the entry of an Order temporarily sealing an affidavit for a search warrant for a vehicle described above, the search warrant itself, and any return made thereon. These documents relate to a search that is to be 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 requests that the Court temporarily seal this Petition, any Order entered by the Court pursuant to this Petition, and the referred to documents that will be filed in the Charlottesville Circuit Court in the custody of the Clerk of that court.

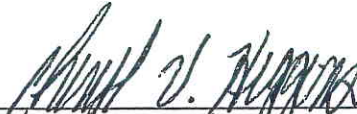
It appearing that

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 affidavit, search warrant, and any return made thereon relate specific investigative details that have been discovered in the case to date and, in the case of a return on the search warrant, will itemize specific objects and/or 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 affidavit, the search warrant, and any return made thereon 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,
5. The public dissemination at this time of highly detailed information such as contained in the affidavit, the search warrant, and any return made thereon 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 evidence or potential evidence,

it is therefore Ordered that the Clerk of the Charlottesville Circuit Court temporarily seal the accompanying Petition, this Order, and the referred to affidavit for a search warrant, the search warrant itself, and any return made thereon until the entry of an Order unsealing them by a Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Entered this 7th day of May, 2010.


Cheryl V. Higgins, Judge
16th Judicial Circuit

I ask for this:


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