## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Chambers of
GEORGE L. RUSSELL, III
United States District Judge

101 West Lombard Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 410-962-4055

October 6, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL RE:

CPL. Laurie A. Davenport v. State of Maryland, et

<u>al.</u>

Civil Action No. GLR-13-1249

## Dear Counsel:

Upon consideration of the parties' recent email correspondence, Plaintiff and Defendant State of Maryland are DIRECTED to submit a joint stipulation of dismissal under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41. Plaintiff and Defendant William T. Blackiston are also DIRECTED to submit a joint status report within seven days of the date of this memorandum, addressing the following points:

- 1. Whether the parties consent to transferring this case to a United States Magistrate Judge ("USMJ") for all further proceedings.
- 2. Whether the parties consent to referring this case to a USMJ for a mediation to occur as soon as practicable.
- 3. The estimated duration of trial.
- 4. Any other outstanding issues meriting the Court's consideration.

Despite the informal nature of this memorandum, it shall constitute an Order of the Court, and the Clerk is directed to docket it accordingly.

Very truly yours,

/s/

George L. Russell, III

United States District Judge