



BASIC SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SIX POLICE OFFICERS CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF FREDDIE GRAY

On May 1, 2015, Baltimore's Prosecutor, State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby, filed criminal charges against six Baltimore Police Department officers in connection with the April 12th death of Freddie Gray.

The case is pending in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, and is assigned to Judge Barry G. Williams. Many motions have been filed by all parties and court dates have been set for the following hearings. While the hearings are public, seating will be very limited. This is a brief overview of the weeks ahead.

September 2nd- The Motions to be heard at these hearings include the following:

- Motions by members of the defense to disqualify Ms. Mosby from prosecuting/trying the case on conflict of interest and various other grounds, including seeking a special prosecutor.
- Motions to seal – or disclose – various documents and other evidence.
- A number of motions to have separate trials for each defendant as opposed to a single consolidated trial against all six defendants at the same time.
- Motions to dismiss one or more of the charges on various grounds against one or more defendants.

September 10th- The Motions to be heard at these hearings include the following:

- A motion to “remove” the case from Baltimore City based on unusual publicity allegedly making it difficult or impossible to seat an impartial jury unaffected by the extensive publicity. If this motion were to be granted, Judge Williams would then order the case to be tried before a jury in another Maryland jurisdiction selected by the Administrative Judge.

*Judge Williams could decide any or all of the above-mentioned motions during or at the end of the September 2nd hearing or he could defer ruling on some or all of them. It is in his discretion.

At the present time, the trial of the case is set for October 13, 2015, but it is not likely to be any earlier than that date. It is set to be a jury trial at this time. We encourage all to stay abreast of the facts and note that the schedules for criminal proceedings can and do change as directed by the Court.

