

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

v.

ROBERT W. SPROUSE,
Defendant.

Malfeasance in Office
(VCC: COI-7080-M1)

Case No.: CR22MO1166-01

INFORMATION

Commonwealth of Virginia, Chesterfield county, to-wit: the attorney for the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the county of Chesterfield, upon his oath presents that

On or about February 18, 2022, in the county of Chesterfield, while acting as a public official, Robert W. Sprouse did unlawfully commit common law malfeasance in office by willfully and knowingly performing an act officially for which there was no authority of law and with which he was entrusted no discretion, to wit: while acting in his official capacity as a Chesterfield County police officer, Robert W. Sprouse did exceed his authority and breach a duty of public concern in the execution of a search warrant by willfully and knowingly adding official language to the face of the warrant, without any authority of law or discretion to do so, in violation of the common law, Virginia Code Ann. § 1-200. *See Warren v. Commonwealth*, 136 Va. 573 (1923).

Punishment: Class 1 Misdemeanor, Code § 18.2-12.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

By: [Signature]
G. Ryan Mehaffey
Attorney for the Commonwealth
Special Prosecutor for Chesterfield County

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA, to-wit:

This day personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, G. Ryan Mehaffey, Esq. and made oath that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge.

Given under my hand this 21st day of June, 2022.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 5/31/23

