

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SMYTH COUNTY

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| COMMONWEALTH, |) | |
| Plaintiff, |) | |
| v. |) | Case Nos.: CR22-180-00 |
| |) | CR22-181-00 |
| CLARK, CHASE LEVI, |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE

COMES NOW the Defendant, Chase Levi Clark, and respectfully requests that these matters be transferred to the Circuit Court of Washington County, Virginia, and in support of this motion, Mr. Clark states the following:

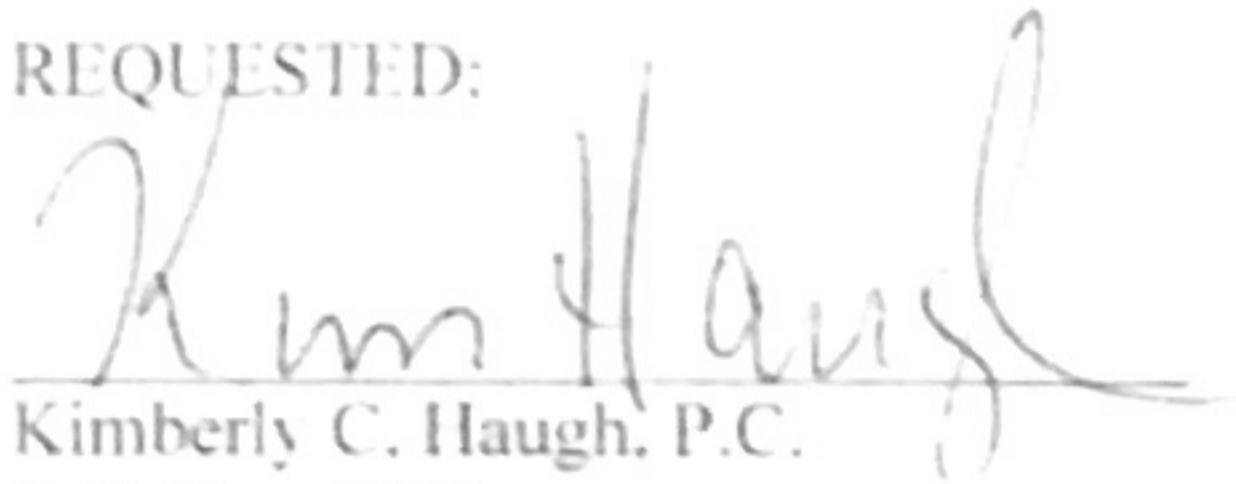
1. This matter is currently pending in this Court on September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for jury trial, upon the rejection by the Commonwealth to the plea agreement on August 2, 2023.
2. The Defendant and his counsel have been in communication with the Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, Brandon Roche in this matter.
3. Due to a scheduling conflict Mr. Roche was substituted by Phillip Blevins, at the August 2, 2023, hearing, to which it was previously negotiated that Mr. Clark would be entering an open plea.
4. Mr. Blevins denied the proposed plea agreement and requested this matter be reset for a jury trial on September 20, 2023.
5. On August 2, 2023, the Commonwealth approved the publication of an article in the Bristol Herald Courier that the current candidate running for the Commonwealth Attorney's office, Phillip Blevins, stated "If I was commonwealth's attorney, I wouldn't agree to that."
6. Mr. Blevins is clearly bringing a political agenda into the negotiations for this matter with his quoted comment to the newspaper.

7. That pursuant to 8.01-261 of the CODE OF VIRGINIA, (1950) as amended, the Defendant would benefit from a change in venue to Washington County, Virginia.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, Chase Levi Clark, respectfully requests that this case be transferred to the Circuit Court for Washington County, Virginia.

CHASE LEVI CLARK
By Counsel

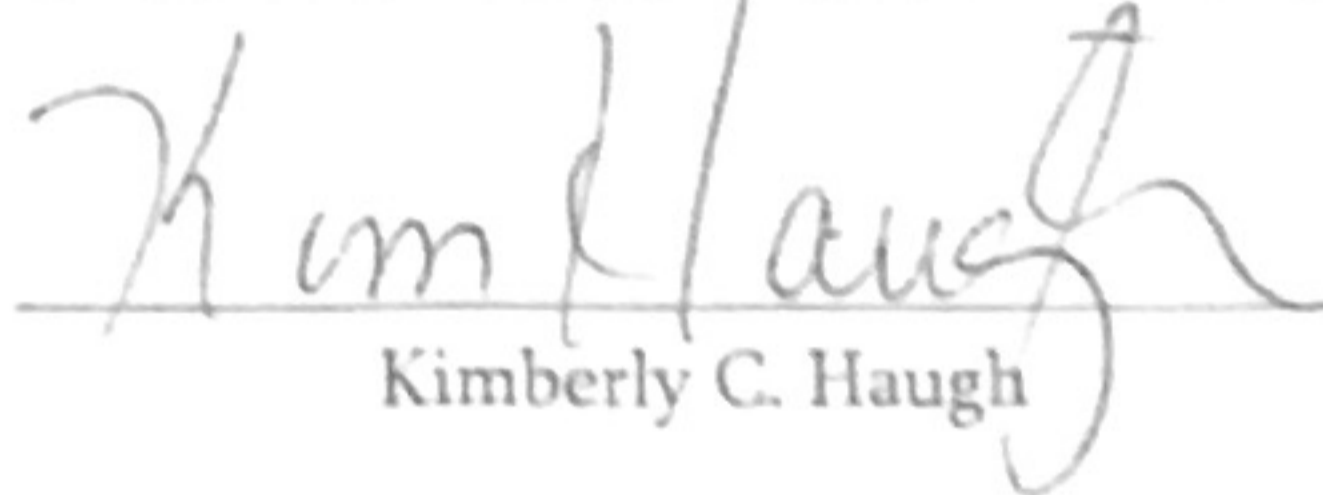
REQUESTED:



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this the 30th day August, 2023, I mailed a copy of the foregoing Motion To Change Venue to Roy Evans, Commonwealth Attorney's office, via email, fax and mail at revans@smythcounty.org, 276-782-4043 and 109 West Main Street, Room 124 Marion, VA 24354.



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