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AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN THE CASE OF COREY AVERY vs. COMMONWEALTH

PORTSMOUTH, VA- Today, the charges against Corey Avery were withdrawn because the only eyewitness in the case cannot be located. The eyewitness also failed to appear for a previously scheduled trial. The Portsmouth Police Department has been searching for this witness for months. Corey Avery was indicted by a grand jury in January of 2017 on the charges of first degree murder of Keith Warren, use of a firearm in the commission of murder, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and has been in custody since his arrest. Other local and federal agencies have assisted the Portsmouth Police Department in this investigation and despite their efforts, the case remains circumstantial hinging on one key witness.

Investigators believe that other persons were present on the evening of December 11, 2016 outside 80 Dale Drive when this crime occurred. On behalf of Keith Warren's family and the citizens of the City of Portsmouth, we urge anyone with any information on this crime to contact the Portsmouth Police Department or the Investigator with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office at 757-235-5725. The investigation in this case will remain open and we are hopeful that those responsible for Keith Warren's death can eventually be brought to trial.

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