



June 17, 2015

Charlottesville Commonwealth's Attorney Presentation Statement

As previously stated, Virginia ABC respects the decision of the Charlottesville Commonwealth's Attorney to not pursue the charges of Public Swearing/Intoxication and Obstruction of Justice without Force against University of Virginia student Martese Johnson, and to not charge the Virginia ABC special agents involved in his arrest.

While the Charlottesville Commonwealth's Attorney has presented his conclusions based on the Virginia State Police's criminal investigation, Virginia ABC has not reviewed that report. We appreciate his extensive assessment of the events that took place on March 18 and his willingness to share details of the findings with the community.

The agency awaits the findings of the separate Virginia State Police administrative investigation of the incident, as requested by Governor Terry McAuliffe. The administrative review, as well as information shared from the criminal report, will be used to determine any further course of action.

Virginia ABC continues to be an active participant in the Enforcement Expert Review Panel established by Governor McAuliffe's Executive Order 40 and looks forward to working with members of the panel as they craft recommendations for the Governor's consideration.