

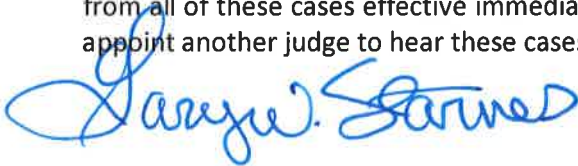
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FROM: Judge Gary W. Starnes
DATE: September 4, 2020
RE: Protestor Criminal Cases

In response to recent public statements, let me be very clear: There was no bias or conflict of interest whatsoever with regard to me hearing what I will refer to as the protestor cases. I would have been 100% unbiased and impartial in every way. However, the vicious, personal attacks on myself and my 9 year old grandson have made it impossible for me to hear at least one of those cases. In order to avoid any appearance of impropriety, to avoid any negative effect on the judiciary, and in the interest of my grandson's privacy and safety, I have decided to recuse myself from all of these cases effective immediately. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will appoint another judge to hear these cases.



Judge Gary W. Starnes
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