

# Commonwealth of Virginia

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**VIA EMAIL (IAUnit@vsp.virginia.gov)**

Captain Robert P. Chappell, Jr.  
Virginia State Police  
Office of Internal Affairs

Captain Chappell:

I write with regards to the March 6, 2021 arrest of Juanisha Brooks, in Fairfax County (Case Numbers GC-21018023-00, GT-21018024-00, GT-21018025-00, and GT-21018026-00). After reviewing the dashcam footage, it appears that the stop was without proper legal basis given the March 1, 2021 change in the law. Moreover, the dashcam footage does not provide a factual basis to support the warrants or summons issued in this case. As a result, I have instructed my office to seek dismissal of all four charges arising from this incident.

There is much in the dashcam footage, the Troopers' written reports, and the charging decisions that give me pause. I therefore request that the Virginia State Police initiate an internal affairs investigation into the Troopers' actions in handling, documenting, and charging this incident. I also request that, pursuant to § 19.2-201(C), you provide me access to the investigation once it is completed.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Steve Descano  
Commonwealth's Attorney