

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Big Stone Gap Division**

WILLIAM THORPE, *et al.*,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
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 VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF)
 CORRECTIONS, *et al.*,)
)
 Defendants.)

Case No. 2:20-cv-00007-JPJ-PMS

DEFENDANTS’ MOTION TO STAY

Defendants Harold Clarke, Randall Mathena, H. Scott Richeson, A. David Robinson, Henry Ponton, Marcus Elam, Denise Malone, Steve Herrick, Tori Raiford, Jeffrey Kiser, Carl Manis (collectively, Individual Defendants) and the Virginia Department of Corrections (collectively, Defendants), by counsel and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil 7(b)(1), move for a stay of this proceeding pending resolution of the Individual Defendants’ appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit from this Court’s Opinion and Order entered on June 15, 2021 (Doc. No. 101), denying their motion to dismiss on the ground of qualified immunity. The separate, supporting memorandum in support of, and filed contemporaneously with, this motion states with particularity the grounds for seeking the order. The Individual Defendants filed their Notice of Appeal (Doc No. 104) before filing this motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 22nd day of June 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing to all CM/ECF participants.

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