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**STATE'S ATTORNEY CONFIRMS CECIL WILL ENFORCE
GOVERNOR'S RESTRICTIONS AND CONTINUE TO ENFORCE ALL LAWS**

ELKTON – FROM THE DESK OF STATE'S ATTORNEY, JAMES A. DELLMYER

“Governor Larry Hogan has delivered a prompt and appropriate response to the COVID-19 Pandemic threatening Maryland. These actions include prohibiting groups of more than 10 people, and closing eat-in restaurants, bars, fitness centers, movie theaters and shopping malls from the public. Any person who violates these restrictions is guilty of a misdemeanor crime and upon conviction will face a maximum one year in jail, and a maximum \$5,000 fine, or both. The Governor’s mandates also require any person who has been exposed to COVID-19, or confirmed to have COVID-19, will be ordered to voluntarily isolate or quarantine themselves by the Cecil County Health Department. Any person who fails to obey any such order by the Health Department may be guilty of a misdemeanor crime and subject to one year in jail and/or a \$3,000 fine.”

“It has come to my attention that Baltimore City recently announced their intention to release convicted offenders from prison early and to not prosecute certain crimes. I promise you this will not happen in Cecil County. These are uncertain times and it is important for the citizens of our County to rest assured knowing that crime will continue to be prosecuted, and that offenders will be held accountable. In conjunction with Administrative Judge Keith Baynes of the Circuit Court for Cecil County, I have ensured that the Grand Jury has been extended and remains available to consider criminal offenses. My team of prosecutors, victim advocates, investigators, and paralegal staff are actively working every day to timely process criminal cases. We remain open 8:30AM – 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, to answer any questions from the public. Our local law enforcement partners will continue to protect the citizens of Cecil County, and I am grateful that we have such well-trained, professional law enforcement agencies who will help us through this crisis. The Circuit Court for Cecil County and the District Court for Cecil County, while closed to public access, remain open and operating. If you commit a crime in Cecil County, you will be held accountable.”