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IN ARKANSAS MURDER CASE

A stipulation and consent order was entered today in the case of State of Arkansas v. James Andrew Bates. Because Mr. Bates is innocent of all charges in this matter, he has agreed to the release of any recordings on his Amazon Echo device to the prosecution. Mr. Bates is represented by Kathleen T. Zellner and Douglas H. Johnson of the law firm of Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates, P.C.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
DIVISION II

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

v.

CASE NO. CR-2016-370-2

JAMES ANDREW BATES

DEFENDANT

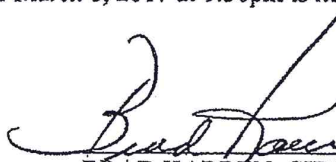
STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

Come now Petitioner Amazon.com, Inc. ("Amazon"), Plaintiff State of Arkansas, and the defendant James Andrew Bates (collectively the "Parties"), by undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submit this Stipulation and Consent Order:

1. On February 17, 2017, Amazon filed a Motion to Quash a search warrant that was issued as part of the Bentonville Police Department's investigation into the death of Victor Collins. The warrant requests that Amazon produce any audio recording created as a result of interactions with an Amazon Echo device owned by the defendant and located in his residence. The time period specified in the warrant is the 48-hour period of November 21-22, 2015.
2. On March 3, 2017, the defendant, through counsel, consented to Amazon's disclosure to the State of any such recordings. Later on March 3, Amazon made that disclosure to the State, pursuant to the defendant's consent.
3. In light of the above, Amazon's motion shall be dismissed as moot.

WHEREFORE, this Court adopts the Parties' Stipulation and the Motion to Quash is moot. That the hearing on this matter set for March 8, 2017 at 1:30pm is hereby vacated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


BRAD KARRÉN, CIRCUIT JUDGE

ENTERED 3-6-17

CONSENT ORDER AGREED TO BY:

AMAZON.COM, INC.,
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