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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: February 20, 2026

RE: Stave v John Anthony Gaeta Jr.

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, John Anthony Gaeta Jr. was indicted by a Harford County Grand Jury on Negligent Vehicular Manslaughter, Criminally Negligent Vehicular Manslaughter, and two counts of Second Degree Assault in connection to a fatal motor vehicle collision involving two C. Milton Wright High School students occurring on September 18, 2025 in the area of N. Fountain Green Road and Crescent Knoll Drive in Bel Air, Maryland.

The Defendant was served with the arrest warrant this morning, February 20, 2026 and is currently being held in the Harford County Detention Center, pending further review. As in all criminal matters, Gaeta is presumed innocent unless and until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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