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In re: Eric Alexander Vail, Jr.

[Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 11, 2019] The Broward County Clerk of the Court seeks to correct erroneous reports by various news outlets and the Broward Sheriff's Office. These reports implied that the sole reason for the release of Eric Alexander Vail, Jr. stemmed from the clerk's failure to generate a document called a *capias*, which procures the presence of a defendant before a court.

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.730, the clerk must receive a directive from the court or the prosecuting attorney for a *capias* to be issued. Several internal reviews by the clerk's office and multiple subsequent meetings with Broward County courthouse stakeholders confirmed that the clerk never received such a directive. Consequently, the Broward County Clerk of Courts concludes that it followed the Florida's statutes, administrative rules, and other applicable law when processing the court records relating to Eric Alexander Vail, Jr.

Based on the collaborative efforts of the Broward County Clerk of Courts, Broward Sheriff's Office, Broward County State Attorney's Office, an administrative order from Chief Judge Jack Tuter is anticipated that will provide the necessary checks and balances to improve the indictment and corresponding custody process.

The Broward County Clerk of Court thanks Chief Judge Jack Tuter for facilitating the stakeholder meetings that led to this positive resolution.

Additional questions should be directed to Dian Diaz, Chief Operating Officer, at ddiaz@browardclerk.org.