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In: KSC-BC-2020-06

**The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli,
Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi**

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith III, Presiding Judge

Judge Christoph Barthe

Judge Guénaél Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

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**Public Redacted Version of
Decision on Victims' Counsel's Request on Behalf of Victim 72A/06**

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TRIAL PANEL II ("Panel"), pursuant to Articles 21(2), 23 and 40(2) and (6)(f) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rules 80 and 81 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby renders this decision.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 12 December 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge granted V072/06's application to participate as a victim in these proceedings.¹

2. On 17 April 2026, following a request by Victims' Counsel,² the Panel: (i) allowed two relatives of V072/06 to resume V072/06's action as victims participating in the present proceedings, as V072/06 had passed away;³⁴ (ii) ordered that the protective measures of anonymity be granted to them and that their names and identifying information be withheld from the Parties and the public;⁵ (iii) ordered that they be assigned the pseudonyms of V072A/06 and V072B/06 for the purposes of these proceedings;⁶ and (iv) found that good cause and exceptional circumstances justified the filing of the request pursuant to Rule 136(2).⁷

¹ F01152, Pre-Trial Judge, *Fourth Decision on Victims' Participation*, 12 December 2022, strictly confidential and *ex parte*, paras 41(d), 44(a), 46, 73(a) and (e) (a public redacted version was issued on 14 December 2022, F01152/RED).

² F03691, Victims' Counsel, *Victims' Counsel's Request for Resumption of Action of V072/06*, 4 March 2026, strictly confidential and *ex parte*, with Annex 1, strictly confidential and *ex parte* (a public redacted version was issued on the same day, F03691/RED).

³ F03722, Panel, *Decision on Victims' Counsel's Request for Resumption of Action of V072/06* ("Decision of 17 April 2026"), 17 April 2026, strictly confidential and *ex parte*, paras 9, 11(a) (a public redacted version was issued on the same day, F03722/RED).

⁴ Decision of 17 April 2026, para. 11(a).

⁵ Decision of 17 April 2026, para. 11(b)-(c).

⁶ Decision of 17 April 2026, para. 11(d).

⁷ Decision of 17 April 2026, para. 5.

3. On 13 May 2026, Victims' Counsel filed a request on behalf of V072A/06 for a partial variation of the protective measures granted to V072A/06 as a victim participating in the proceedings ("Request").⁸

4. The Parties have not responded to the Request.

II. SUBMISSIONS

5. Victims' Counsel requests a partial variation of the protective measures granted to V072A/06 in order to enable disclosure of [REDACTED] status as a victim participating in these proceedings to the [REDACTED] ("[REDACTED]") and, if necessary, to other [REDACTED] ("[REDACTED]") in [REDACTED].⁹ In support of the Request, Victims' Counsel provides the signed waiver of V072A/06 pursuant to Rule 81(6)¹⁰ and a draft letter from the Victims' Participation Office.¹¹ Victims' Counsel emphasises that the request is limited in scope to the above matter and that V072A/06 does not otherwise wish to disclose [REDACTED] identity and [REDACTED] status in these proceedings.¹²

III. DISCUSSION

6. The Panel recalls that V072A/06 has been granted anonymity *vis-à-vis* the public and the Parties.¹³ The Panel notes that Victims' Counsel provides that: (i) V072A/06 [REDACTED];¹⁴ and (ii) information about V072A/06's status as a

⁸ F03734, Victims' Counsel, *Victims' Counsel's Request on Behalf of Victim 72A/06*, 13 May 2026, strictly confidential and *ex parte*, with Annexes 1-2, strictly confidential and *ex parte* (a public redacted version was issued on the same day, F03734/RED).

⁹ Request, paras 1, 8, 11.

¹⁰ Request, para. 7; Annex 1 to the Request.

¹¹ Request, para. 9; Annex 2 to the Request.

¹² Request, para. 10.

¹³ Decision of 14 April 2026, paras 10, 11(b)-(c).

¹⁴ Request, para. 6.

participating victim in the proceedings would assist the [REDACTED].¹⁵

7. The Panel further notes that the Request is limited in scope for the purposes of the [REDACTED] discussed above.¹⁶ The Panel also notes that, if authorised, V072A/06 intends to provide the [REDACTED] with the draft letter in Annex 2 to the Request.¹⁷ Lastly, the Panel observes that the Request is accompanied by V072A/06's written consent to the disclosure of [REDACTED] status as a participating victim to the [REDACTED].¹⁸

8. In light of the foregoing, the Panel finds that the personal circumstances of V072A/06, as outlined in the Request, constitute compelling reasons for the Panel to vary the protective measures and authorise the disclosure of V072A/06's status as a participating victim in these proceedings to the [REDACTED]. The Panel considers that such disclosure is necessary to inform the [REDACTED] of all matters relevant to [REDACTED]. Mindful of the limited nature of the variation of the victim's protective measures *vis-à-vis* the public, the Panel also finds the Request proportionate.

9. Accordingly, the Panel grants the Request.

IV. DISPOSITION

10. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:

- a) **GRANTS** the Request; and
- b) **VARIES** the protective measures granted to V072A/06 permitting [REDACTED] to reveal [REDACTED] status as a victim participating in

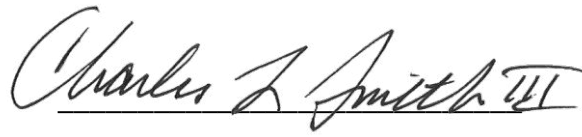
¹⁵ Request, para. 7; Annex 1 to the Request.

¹⁶ Request, para. 10.

¹⁷ Request, para. 9; Annex 2 to the Request.

¹⁸ Request, para. 7; Annex 1 to the Request.

these proceedings to the [REDACTED].

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles L. Smith, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Judge Charles L. Smith, III

Presiding Judge

Dated this Monday, 8 June 2026

At The Hague, the Netherlands.