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**Rape trial to be moved to Carroll Co.**

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The trial for a man accused of raping a 15-year-old girl behind Howard County's Central Library in Columbia's Town Center will be moved to Carroll County Circuit Court.

Timothy Bryan Chase, 29, will stand trial in that county after Howard Circuit Judge Diane O. **Leasure** ruled that pretrial publicity prohibited Chase from receiving a fair trial in Howard. No trial date has been set. Last week, **Leasure** granted a last-minute defense motion to move the trial, saying an article published in The Sun was so detailed it could prejudice potential jurors. Prosecutors urged **Leasure** to poll the 115 potential jurors called for the case to see if they had read the article and had formed an opinion about the case. **Leasure** denied the request.

Court officials had called about 40 additional potential jurors that day because of the high-profile nature of the case.

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