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THE FREDDIE GRAY CASE

Officers' attorneys slam Mosby

Prosecutor acts like a victim, refuses to take responsibility for poor choices, they say

By **KEVIN RECTOR** AND **JUSTIN FENTON**
The Baltimore Sun

Defense attorneys for three of the Baltimore police officers cleared in the Freddie Gray case slammed Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn J. Mosby on Thursday, saying she painted herself as the "victim" of a crooked criminal justice system, rather than acknowledging that she had victimized their clients by filing baseless charges against them.

In their first extended comments since a gag order was lifted after the case concluded Wednesday, attorneys for Lt. Brian Rice and Officers Edward Nero and Garrett Miller told The Baltimore Sun that Mosby had been offered help by the Maryland State Police early in the investigative process, but rejected it.

They said Mosby also could have requested help from a variety of other agencies and prosecutors around the region but did not — instead rushing ahead with what they called a flimsy theory, only to complain after losing about the lack of an independent investigation.

Rice and Nero's attorneys said their clients had been willing to sit down with prosecutors in the days immediately following Gray's death to provide a fuller narrative of what happened, but never did.

The attorneys scoffed at Mosby's claim, made at a news conference Wednesday morning after the remaining charges were dropped, that she had brought strong cases against the officers that were undone by a rigged system.

In reality, they said, their clients had been railroaded by a prosecutor who was less interested in the truth than in announcing charges to quell riots.

"The fact that she's finding herself as a victim and blaming police, and blaming the See **ATTORNEYS**, page 15



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Hillary Clinton acknowledges the crowd Thursday night as she arrives on the stage to accept her party's nomination for president during the final day of the Democratic convention in Philadelphia. "We will rise to the challenge, just as we always have," Clinton said.

ELECTION 2016 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Clinton accepts the nomination

Her task now is to unite the party and court centrists

By **JOHN FRITZE**
The Baltimore Sun

PHILADELPHIA — Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton accepted the Democratic nomination for president on Thursday night and sought to ease a restive electorate by casting herself as a steady hand for the economy and a leader already experienced on the world stage.

Drawing a contrast with the narrative of a nation in peril intoned by Republican nominee Donald Trump at the GOP convention last week, Clinton embraced an optimistic view of the future as she

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pitched an agenda to confront global terrorism, economic inequality and disparities in the criminal justice system.

"We are clear-eyed about what our country is up against. But we are not afraid. We will rise to the challenge, just as we always have," Clinton said. "We will not

build a wall. Instead we will build an economy where everyone who wants to get a job will get one."

The first woman nominated for president by a major political party, Clinton faced a daunting challenge as she stepped onto the stage in the Wells Fargo Center: The four-day convention has highlighted a rift between establishment figures and voters who supported Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont. An important goal of her address was to bridge that divide.

Clinton will try to bring Sanders voters on board in coming months, even as she See **CLINTON**, page 8

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

MARYLAND

OFFICER ON TRIAL: Taking the witness stand in his own defense, Officer Wesley Cagle, on trial in the shooting of an unarmed man, told the jury he saw a "shiny silver object" he thought could have been a weapon. "He could've shot me. I then discharged my weapon at the threat." **NEWS PG 2**

NATION & WORLD

CHURCH ATTACK: French officials have identified the second man responsible for attacking a Catholic church in Normandy as a 19-year-old who was spotted last month in Turkey as he supposedly headed to Syria — but returned to France instead. **NEWS PG 6**

ISLAMIC STATE FILES: A trove of Islamic State records and computer files seized recently in Syria has provided details of the extremist group's efforts to send terrorists into Europe, U.S. intelligence officials said. **NEWS PG 12**

SPORTS

TWINS 6, ORIOLES 2: The faltering Ubaldo Jimenez makes a surprisingly strong spot start, but the bullpen lets him down. **SPORTS PG 5**

TODAY'S WEATHER

CLOUDY, NOT AS HOT
86 HIGH **71** LOW
Storm possible Saturday **SPORTS PG 10**



KENNETH K. LAM/BALTIMORE SUN

Sign of the season

Ravens running back Justin Forsett signs autographs for fans after finishing the first day of training camp for the 2016 season at the Under Armour Performance Center in Owings Mills. **ARTICLE, SPORTS PG 1**

City Council panel approves \$15 minimum wage proposal

By **ANDREW DUNN**
The Baltimore Sun

A divided City Council will decide next month whether to increase the minimum wage in Baltimore to \$15 an hour, which would be the highest in the state.

The council's Labor Committee voted 4-0 Thursday to send the bill to the 15-member council, where President Bernard C. "Jack" Young has pledged to scale back the proposed increase.

Advocates say joining a national movement to raise the wage to \$15 an hour would help to lift impoverished Baltimoreans. But Young and others say it would lead to higher unemployment and fiscal calamity.

The council is split on the measure. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has said she would sign the bill if it reaches her desk.

Baltimore does not have its own minimum wage. Business and workers are subject to the state minimum wage, which rose to \$8.75 this month, en route to \$10.10 by 2018.

The city is the latest jurisdiction nationwide to consider an increase. Washington, Seattle and San Francisco have approved increases to \$15 an hour. California and New York have approved statewide increases to See **WAGE**, page 15