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### MARYLAND

#### Discrimination Suit Can Advance

A federal judge cleared the way yesterday for a Frederick County man to move forward with a lawsuit alleging that officials in Walkersville engaged in illegal discrimination when they blocked a Muslim group's efforts to build a mosque and religious retreat in the rural town.

David W. Moxley, an owner of the property the Muslim group planned to buy, sued the town, and some of its officials, saying the proposed sale in 2007 was thwarted by anti-Muslim hostility. It is unconstitutional to make land use decisions on religious grounds.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Silver Spring-based group that had tried to acquire the land, did not join the suit and it no longer wants it.

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In an opinion issued yesterday, U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett denied most of the defendants' efforts to narrow or dismiss the allegations in the lawsuit.

-- **Henri E. Cauvin**

#### Boyfriend Charged With Murder

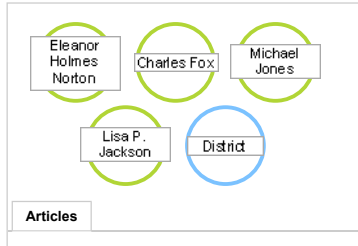
A Bladensburg man is charged in the slaying of his 23-year-old girlfriend, Prince George's County police said. Michael Jones, 31, turned himself in to police Thursday and was charged with first-degree murder, police said yesterday.

The body of Rozeeta Ann Holley was found Feb. 28 in the home in the 4100 block of 53rd Place where she lived with Jones and her mother. The body appeared to have been in the home for several days, police said.

Also yesterday, police charged Jerry Williamson, 21, of the District in the Feb. 14 shooting of Marvin L. Johnson, 19, of Oxon Hill. Johnson's body was found on the sidewalk in front of Meade's Liquor store in the 1500 block of Southview Drive.

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