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Shannon Taylor Declined To Prosecute The Nursing Home Aide, Lamar Young. “Henrico police confirmed it was called to investigate, but the Office of Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor declined to prosecute. Taylor told CBS 6 that ‘there was not enough evidence to go forward on a probable cause charge for criminal actions.’ ‘I'm wondering why health agencies would be able to substantiate and conclude that abuse happened in these situations using the same evidence that I assume is being given to police, however, your office would decline charges,’ reporter Tyler Layne asked Taylor. ‘When we're talking about individuals who are in these facilities, there can be a range of certain physical impairments, potentially some cognitive impairments that when you are asking someone who has given a recollection to one individual, and then you come back a second time, and the recollection may not be the exact same,’ Taylor said. (Tyler Layne, “Nurse Aide Who Reportedly Sexually Abused 3 Nursing Home Residents Never Faced Criminal Charges,” [WTVR](#), 5/14/25)

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