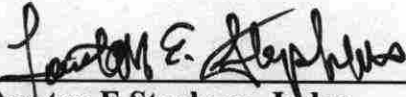


**GEORGIA**

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY**

**It is ordered that the foregoing presentments of the Grand Jury empanelled for the 2022 January Term of the Superior Court of Athens-Clarke County be entered on the minutes of the Court and published at the expense of the County in the official organ of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia. Exhibits are not to be published, but shall be available for inspection and reproduction in the Office of Clerk of Superior Court Athens-Clarke County,**

**This 29th day of March, 2022.**

  
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Layton E Stephens, Judge  
Superior Court Athens-Clarke County  
Western Judicial Circuit

**Filed in Open Court this 29th day of March, 2022.**

  
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Beverly Logan, Clerk

**General Presentment and Reports  
Athens-Clarke County Grand Jury  
January 10, 2022 – March 29, 2022**

On January 10, 2022, 25 jurors, including two alternates were selected to serve as members of the Grand Jury for the Athens-Clarke County Superior Court for the January 2022 term. Judge Lawton E. Stephens administered the oath to the jurors and charged them with their responsibilities.

The jurors elected Melina D. Lewis as Foreperson, Nicole McDougald as Assistant Foreperson, Jocelyn Deal as Secretary, and Taylor Payne as Assistant Secretary.

The remaining Jurors were Melanie Bolton, Sharon Boston, Michael Buermann, Beth Campbell, Johanna Cooper, Julie Denton-Schmiedt, Maryann Gallagher, Richard Goss, Jr., Chuck Hodges, Marta Kelleher, Jamila Kincaid (alternate), Karrington Marcotte, Jackie Slayton Methie, Marcus Ratcliff, Martin Scott, Summer Smith, Michael Stansky, Marian Sutton (alternate), Delois Walter, Margo Walter, Kellee Wilhite.

**I. Criminal Functions**

In the capacity of the criminal function of the Grand Jury, 48 cases were brought before the Grand Jury for indictment. Of these cases 47 were returned as **True Bills**, 0 were returned as **No Bills**, and 1 was returned as **Split Bills**.

**II. Civil Functions**

The January 2022 Grand Jury did not participate in any civil functions.

**III. Acknowledgements**

The Grand Jury extends its thanks to District Attorney Deborah Gonzalez and all of the assistant D.A.s for their patience and helpfulness during the term. Thank you to the officers who provided testimony and answered the Jurors' questions, numerous at times, clearly and precisely. Thank you to the bailiffs who kept records and ensured the process ran smoothly and safely for us.

**IV. Closing Remarks**

It is customary for a grand jury to take this opportunity to express gratitude for the opportunity to serve our community. While it is not a voluntary effort, it is a duty that serves to provide each of us an opportunity to contribute and witness to the right of due process for those accused of crimes. For many of us, this is our first experience with the judicial process and it has been revealing, sometimes stressful and a solemn and heavy responsibility. The details Grand Jurors hear are sometimes difficult, and this Grand Jury respected the victims, the alleged perpetrators'

rights, and the state actors involved while making their decisions. We acknowledge the effort, sacrifice and dedication of each of the members in fulfilling this duty and we appreciate the support of our employers, co-workers, family, the District Attorney's office, Athens Police Department, other county police officers who came to testify, and the community.

Respectfully submitted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Melina D. Lewis  
Melina D. Lewis, Foreperson

Jocelyn Deal  
Jocelyn Deal, Secretary

GRAND JUROR'S SIGNATURES:

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Sharon Boston

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Michael Buermann

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