

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA


ORDER

The undersigned representing all the Superior Court Judges of the Western Judicial Circuit hereby consent and confirm that **Benjamin Makin**, Chief Magistrate of Athens-Clarke County, and **Donarell R. Green, IV** and **Kelly Wegel**, Judges of the Magistrate of Athens-Clarke County, may exercise judicial power to issue arrest warrants for any child thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) years of age who is alleged to have committed any of the enumerated offenses listed in O.C.G.A. § 15-11-560(b)(1 through 10) and related lesser crimes which are part of the same criminal transaction (as allowed by Worthy v. State, 253 Ga. 661 (1985)) and to conduct any first appearance hearing, preliminary hearings or courts of inquiry or other matters needful or incidental to such exercise. This Order does not delegate any authority to set bail for any offense which the Magistrates do not already have authority by law.


The undersigned have determined that the business of the Superior Court requires the temporary assistance of the above-listed magistrates. This Order shall be valid from **January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**. A copy of this Order shall be placed on the minutes of the Superior Court of Athens-Clarke County and the Magistrate Court of Athens-Clarke County.

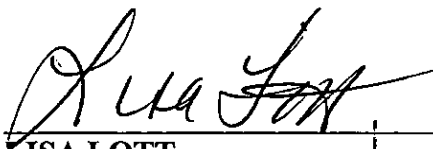
This Order is cumulative of the judicial powers conferred by law upon the judges of the Magistrate Court of Athens-Clarke County.

SO ORDERED this 31 day of December, 2023.

  
ERIC NORRIS  
Chief Judge, Superior Courts  
Western Judicial Circuit

  
H. PATRICK HAGGARD  
Judge, Superior Courts  
Western Judicial Circuit

  
LAWTON STEPHENS  
Judge, Superior Courts  
Western Judicial Circuit

  
LISA LOTT  
Judge, Superior Courts  
Western Judicial Circuit

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