

IN THE STATE COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY **FILED IN OFFICE**
STATE OF GEORGIA **TIANA P. GARNER**

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IN RE: BRIAN W. WHITESIDE, §
SOLICITOR-GENERAL OF GWINNETT §
STATE COURT, ALEX WILLIAM §
HENSON, ASSISTANT SOLICITOR- §
GENERAL OF GWINNETT STATE §
COURT, MIA McLEAN, DIVISION 3 §
LEGAL, GWINNETT COUNTY §
SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, MELLISSA §
SIFUENTES-FLORES, DIVISION 1 §
LEGAL, GWINNETT COUNTY §
SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, AND SHERIE §
BROWN, DIVISION 2 LEGAL, §
GWINNETT COUNTY SOLICITOR'S §
OFFICE. §

CLERK SUPERIOR/STATE COURT
GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA

CASE NUMBER 22-D-00099-1Q

PETITION FOR ATTACHMENT OF CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

Now comes the **Honorable Ronda Colvin Leary, Judge, Gwinnett State Court, Division IV**, (hereinafter referred to as the "Court") and files this *Petition For Attachment Of Criminal Contempt* against the Respondents, **Brian W. Whiteside, Solicitor-General of the Gwinnett State Court (hereinafter referred to as the "Solicitor-General")**, **Alex William Henson, Assistant Solicitor-General of Gwinnett State Court, Mia McLean, Division 3 Legal, Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office, Melissa Sifuentes-Flores, Division 1 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor's Office, and Sherie Brown, Division 2 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor's Office**, and shows as follows:

1.

On or about December 14, 2021, the Court in accordance with OCGA § 17-7-91 published a Criminal Arraignment Calendar for January 3, 2022, at 9:00 am in GJAC Courtroom 3E. The Criminal Arraignment Calendar specifically provided "CONTINUANCES CAN ONLY BE

GRANTED BY THE JUDGE.” A true and correct copy of the Court’s Criminal Arraignment Calendar is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference.

2.

On or about Thursday, December 30, 2021, 2:14 pm the Solicitor-General abruptly and without consultation with the Court, unilaterally and without authority of law, notified the Court and other members of the Gwinnett State Court bench that he and his staff “... cannot move forward with any court matters at this time in person. ZOOM or other means may be used.” Thereafter, on or about Friday, December 31, 2021, 8:33 am the Honorable Pamela South, Chief Judge, Gwinnett State Court notified the Solicitor-General as follows: “In the meantime, we do need to accommodate those who have been summoned to court and who have taken off work to make court appearances. We ask that your available staff attend court appearances where in-person assistance is necessary (such as arraignments) and remain accessible by Zoom in other hearings.” A true and correct copy of the email string is attached hereto as Exhibit “B” and incorporated herein by reference. Contemporaneously, the Solicitor-General issued “FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE” a “... NEWS RELEASE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND ATTEMPT TO INFORM ALL NECESSARY PARTIES” and posted on the Solicitor-General’s website a notice stating “... As a result, there will not be in-person State Court beginning January 3, 2022 through January 30, 2022.” A true and correct copy of the news release and website posting are attached hereto as Exhibit “C” and incorporated herein by reference. Thereafter, on December 31, 2021, at 9:40 am the Solicitor-General called Chief Judge South and she specifically referred him to her email and he responded that he had not read the email. Chief Judge South reiterated that court notices had been mailed for various courts for the week commencing Monday, January 3, 2022, and in accordance with her email, there would need to be in-person appearances by his staff. On

Sunday, January 2, 2022, the *Gwinnett Daily Post*, and its website published an article entitled “Gwinnett Solicitor General Whiteside closes his office through January because of COVID.” A true and correct copy of the article is attached hereto as Exhibit “D” and incorporated herein by reference. The Solicitor-General had absolutely no authority or power under any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, or policy to shutter the Gwinnett State Court and to declare no in-person proceedings. OCGA § 38-3-60 through OCGA § 38-3-64.

3.

On Sunday, January 2, 2022, 7:16 pm Lori Edelkind, Terminal Agency Coordinator and Legal Supervisor, Gwinnett Solicitor’s Office inquired of Carla Densmore, Judicial Assistant to the Court “Good Evening, will you all be placing a note on the courtroom doors cancelling court tomorrow?”, and Carla Densmore did not respond as court was not cancelled by the Court. A true and correct copy of the email is attached hereto as Exhibit “E” and incorporated herein by reference

4.

On Monday, January 3, 2022, 8:37 am Mia McLean, Division 3 Legal, Gwinnett County Solicitor’s Office surreptitiously sent an email to Tina Hayfron of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) “Good Morning, Court for the month of January has been cancelled. Judge Leary will not be needing an interpreter January 3, 2022.” However, no personnel in the Court’s office were copied on the email. Subsequently, Carla Densmore secured through AOC an interpreter for the Criminal Arraignment Calendar. Thereafter, Mia McLean responded to Carla Densmore “The legal supervisor Sherie Brown stated you could give her a call or email her, but we were instructed that there will be no court.” A true and correct copy of the email string is attached hereto as Exhibit “F” and incorporated herein by reference

5.

On January 3, 2022, between the times of 8:49:11 and 8:50:13 (<https://cbjblawfirm.sharepoint.com/:f/g/EjLsir5KluVBg-UPwTLWGXEbru7TTIDU-x0jN4zi8RqAtQ?e=kt5Ni1>), Melissa Sifuentes-Flores, Division 2 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor's Office and Sherie Brown, Division 2 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor's Office exited the Office of the Solicitor-General and traveled directly to GJAC Courtroom 3E, where they without authority posted a sign upon the doorway "JUDGE RONDA COLVIN LEARY ARRAIGNMENT CALENDAR SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 3RD, 2022 HAS BEEN CANCELLED." A true and correct copy the sign is attached hereto as Exhibit "G" and incorporated herein by reference.

6.

On January 3, 2022, at 9:00 am the Solicitor-General, Alex William Henson, Assistant Solicitor-General of Gwinnett State Court who was assigned to the Court's division, and/or any other Assistant Solicitor-General failed and refused to appear to represent the State of Georgia and to perform their mandated duties, and such absences were not approved by the Court, nor were continuances granted in the scheduled cases.

7.

On Monday, January 3, 2022, 1:09 pm Mari Lee Chambers, Supervising Attorney and Director of Community Outreach sent an email to the Court and other members of the Gwinnett State Court bench a "plan", notwithstanding the fact that he had already improperly closed the Court's Criminal Arraignment Calendar. A true and correct copy the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "H" and incorporated herein by reference.

8.

The actions of Brian W. Whiteside, Solicitor-General of the Gwinnett State Court (hereinafter referred to as the “Solicitor-General”) , Alex William Henson, Assistant Solicitor-General of Gwinnett State Court, Mia McLean, Division 3 Legal, Gwinnett County Solicitor’s Office, Melissa Sifuentes-Flores, Division 2 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor’s Office and Sherie Brown, Division 2 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor’s Office are jointly and severally violative of OCGA § 15-1-4(a)(1)(2) and (3), and were done without authority of law and obstructed the administration of justice and order before the Court on January 3, 2022. The full sanctions of OCGA § 15-7-4(a)(5) should be imposed on each Respondent for each and every violation as shown by the evidence.

Wherefore, the Court requests a Rule Nisi issue before another qualified jurist and that Brian W. Whiteside, Solicitor-General of the Gwinnett State Court(hereinafter referred to as the “Solicitor-General”) , Alex William Henson, Assistant Solicitor-General of Gwinnett State Court, Mia McLean, Division 3 Legal, Gwinnett County Solicitor’s Office, Melissa Sifuentes-Flores, Division 2 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor’s Office and Sherie Brown, Division 2 Legal, Gwinnett Solicitor’s Office be found in criminal contempt and the full sanctions of OCGA § 15-7-4(a)(5) be imposed for each and every, all and singular, of their contemptuous acts, and for such and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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STATE COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY

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DIVISION IV

TIANA P. GARNER, CLERK

CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 3, 2022 -VARIOUS TIMES

COURTROOM 3E

JUDGE RONDA COLVIN LEARY

The following Calendar will be called for ARRAIGNMENT on JANUARY 3, 2022 at
VARIOUS TIMES.

Defendants will be arraigned in the order as listed on the calendar.

CONTINUANCES CAN ONLY BE GRANTED BY THE JUDGE.

This calendar approved and ordered published this 14 day of December, 2021.



RONDA COLVIN LEARY, Judge
State Court of Gwinnett County

Rule Absolute Date: May 5, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

"A"

GWINNETT SOLICITOR STATE COURT

Ronda Colvin Leary, Presiding
Arraignment Calendar for January 03, 2022 at 9:00 am
3E

#	Case	Defendant/Charges
✓	2021D-02165-4 20ZGW05164 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	BOBBIN STAFFORD 5885 Oakbrook Pkwy/Congress Hotel Norcross, GA 30093 DOB: 09/24/1996 Race/Sex: Black/Female Cnt. 1: Giving False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer (O.C.G.A. 16-10-25) Cnt. 2: Theft by Shoplifting (O.C.G.A. 16-8-14) <i>Continued</i>
✓	2021D-03576-4 21ZGW01811 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	SHANNON BAILEY 565 Briarhurst Ct Lawrenceville, GA 30046 DOB: 02/09/1970 Race/Sex: / Cnt. 1: Speeding (O.C.G.A. 40-6-181) <i>Continued</i>
✓	2021D-03687-4 21ZGW01373 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	RONALD CAPPS 652 Buford Dr Room 330 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 DOB: 12/13/1994 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Theft by Shoplifting (O.C.G.A. 16-8-14) <i>Continued</i>
✓	2021D-04132-4 21ZGW00145 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Travis Towne W 12/18	JOE MURPHY NORMAN 1795 Cherokee Rd Winterville, GA 30683 DOB: 12/07/1983 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Following Too Closely (O.C.G.A. 40-6-49) <i>Continued</i>
✓	2021D-04134-4 20ZGW04959 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	SEDRICK MORGAN 106 Caboose Court Lawrenceville, GA 30044 DOB: 11/28/1986 Race/Sex: Black/Male Cnt. 1: Battery, Family Violence (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23.1(f)) Cnt. 2: Simple Battery, Family Violence (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23(f)) Cnt. 3: Simple Battery (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23) <i>Continued</i>
✓	2021D-04183-4 20ZGW05419 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Karen L. Pass Work: (404)875-6282	FLAVIUS FISTEAG 4250 Mulberry Ridge Lane Roschton, GA 30548 DOB: 10/06/1998 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Driving Under the Influence (Less Safe) (Alcohol) (O.C.G.A. 40-6-391(a)(1)) Cnt. 2: Driving Under the Influence (Per Se) (O.C.G.A. 40-6-391(a)(5)) Cnt. 3: Failure to Maintain Lane (O.C.G.A. 40-6-48) Cnt. 4: Obstruction of an Officer (O.C.G.A. 16-10-24(a)) Cnt. 5: Violation of Duty Upon Striking Fixed Object (O.C.G.A. 40-6-272) <i>Continued</i>

amended accusation 12/30

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✓ v.	2021D-04215-4 21ZGW01480 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Jerry T Parisi Main: 404-394-3130 <i>W(11/3/2022)</i>	DIANA GABRIELA RODRIGUEZ 37 Cliffwood Rd Baltimore, MD 21206 DOB: 09/05/1992 Race/Sex: White/Female Cnt. 1: Affray (O.C.G.A. 16-11-32)
✓ v.	2021D-04223-4 21ZGW00446 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	GORGEOUS BYONCE MCCULLOUGH 4300 Jimmy Carter Blvd Apt 215 Norcross, GA 30093 DOB: 04/21/2000 Race/Sex: Black/Female Cnt. 1: Battery, Family Violence (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23.1(f)) Cnt. 2: Simple Battery, Family Violence (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23(f)) Cnt. 3: Simple Battery (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23) Cnt. 4: Cruelty to Children in the Third Degree (O.C.G.A. 16-5-70(d)) <i>could change (w/ward) N.G.</i>
✓ v.	2021D-04228-4 21ZGW01508 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: <i>amended accusation 11/19</i>	MATTHEW THOMAS BERRY 2850 S Waterworks Road Buford, GA 30518 DOB: 06/08/1988 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Theft by Shoplifting (O.C.G.A. 16-8-14) <i>N.G. continued</i>
✓ v.	2021D-04231-4 21ZGW01487 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	SHAREEF MARTIN 3310 Revere Cir Snellville, GA 30039 DOB: 01/08/2000 Race/Sex: Black/Male Cnt. 1: Public Indecency (O.C.G.A. 16-6-8) Cnt. 2: Loitering or Prowling (O.C.G.A. 16-11-36) Cnt. 3: Obstruction of an Officer (O.C.G.A. 16-10-24(a)) <i>N.G. w/ give</i>
✓ v. <i>2/24 W</i>	2021D-04232-4 21ZGW00475 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Sean Goldstein Main: 678-757-5529 Cell: 404-803-1714	NITA M NEAL 720 Windsor Creek Drive Grayson, GA 30017 DOB: 06/17/1950 Race/Sex: White/Female Cnt. 1: Hit and Run (O.C.G.A. 40-6-270(a))
✓ v. <i>amended accusation 11/19 W(11/3/2022)</i>	2021D-04235-4 21ZGW01672 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: S. Lamar Gardner Main: 470-332-7729 Atty: Shamado Lamar Gardner Main: 470-332-7729	TIFFANY KIRIKA PURNELL 10308 Woodiron Dr Duluth, GA 30097 DOB: 04/12/1986 Race/Sex: Black/Female Cnt. 1: Driving Under the Influence (Less Safe) (Alcohol) (O.C.G.A. 40-6-391(a)(1)) Cnt. 2: Driving Under the Influence (Per Se) (O.C.G.A. 40-6-391(a)(5)) Cnt. 3: Driving on Wrong Side of Roadway (O.C.G.A. 40-6-40)
✓ v. <i>W(12/30)</i>	2021D-04237-4 21ZGW02462 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Laura Katherine Wester Main: 678-885-7830	DEREK HENRIQUE TELLES 2600 Bentley Rd Marietta, GA 30067 DOB: 03/30/1987 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Possession of Drug Related Objects (O.C.G.A. 16-13-32.2)

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✓4	2021D-04259-4 20ZGW05529 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	RICARDO DANIEL REYES 380 Saint Simons Cove Lawrenceville, GA 30044 DOB: 12/06/1999 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Speeding (O.C.G.A. 40-6-181) Cnt. 2: No Proof of Insurance (O.C.G.A. 40-6-10(a))
✓5	2021D-04261-4 21ZGWD1924 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Stuart Matthew Mones Main: 404-522-7402 Cell: 404-964-9254	JEREMY TRAMAIN WALLACE 795 Hammond Dr Apt#609 Sandy Springs, GA 30328 DOB: 02/28/1982 Race/Sex: Black/Male Cnt. 1: Driving Under the Influence (Less Safe) (Alcohol) (O.C.G.A. 40-6-391(a)(1)) Cnt. 2: Driving Under the Influence (Per Se) (O.C.G.A. 40-6-391(a)(5)) Cnt. 3: Speeding (O.C.G.A. 40-6-181) Cnt. 4: Failure to Maintain Lane (O.C.G.A. 40-6-48)
✓6	2021D-04277-4 21ZGWO1417 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	DANIEL SOL CASTILLO-VELASQUEZ 15 Spring Valley Blvd Calhoun, GA 30701 DOB: 07/30/1996 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Simple Assault (O.C.G.A. 16-5-20) Cnt. 2: Criminal Trespass (O.C.G.A. 16-7-21(a)) Cnt. 3: Theft by Taking (O.C.G.A. 16-8-2) Cnt. 4: Criminal Attempt to Commit a Misdemeanor (O.C.G.A. 16-4-1) Cnt. 5: Theft by Taking (O.C.G.A. 16-8-2) Cnt. 6: Theft by Taking (O.C.G.A. 16-8-2)
✓7	2021D-04281-4 20ZGW05935 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	ANTONIO GARDNER 4307 Uirgil Moon Zing Loganville, GA 30052 DOB: 11/10/1990 Race/Sex: Black/Male Cnt. 1: Driving While License Suspended (O.C.G.A. 40-5-121(a)) Cnt. 2: Giving False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer (O.C.G.A. 16-10-25)
✓8	2021D-04288-4 20ZGW06039 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	RONALD WAYNE DAVIS 642 Dogwood Dr Lawrenceville, GA 30046 DOB: 04/19/1966 Race/Sex: Black/Male Cnt. 1: Theft by Receiving Stolen Property (O.C.G.A. 16-8-7) Cnt. 2: Driving on Suspended, Canceled, or Revoked Registration (O.C.G.A. 40-6-15)
✓9	2021D-04289-4 20ZGW05156 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty:	MARJORIE ASHLEY GUSTAMA 1253 Barrett Bluff Drive Lawrenceville, GA 30045 DOB: 10/04/1997 Race/Sex: Black/Female Cnt. 1: Criminal Trespass (O.C.G.A. 16-7-21(a))

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20. W 12/20	2021D-04327-4 20ZGW05703 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Joseph Henry Main: 404-373-8000	DAVID STANDARD 1055 Baxter Street, Apt. 506 Athens, GA 30606 DOB: 09/07/1971 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Driving Under the Influence (Less Safe) (Alcohol) (O.C.G.A. 40-6-391(a)(1)) Cnt. 2: Driving the Wrong Way on a One-Way Roadway (O.C.G.A. 40-6-47 (b)) Cnt. 3: Improper Driving on Divided Highway (O.C.G.A. 40-6-30)
21. W N.G.	2021D-04337-4 21ZGW04860 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Sierra Nicole Lawrence Main: 770-209-7999	JUWAAN JAMIL JONES 3408 Clear Stream Rm Anburn, GA 30011 DOB: 08/23/1998 Race/Sex: Black/Male Cnt. 1: Loitering or Prowling (O.C.G.A. 16-11-36)
22. W msw bond W (11/3/2022)	2021D-04406-4 20ZGW06438 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: Steven Alexander Miller Main: 404-583-3960	SHIMEKA BLUE 250 Piedmont Rd NE Atlanta, GA 30308 DOB: 07/21/1992 Race/Sex: Black/Female Cnt. 1: Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property (O.C.G.A. 16-8-6)
23. W 12/29	2021D-04407-4 20ZGW05249 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: _____	JUDY BROWN 5528 Boyer Trail Norcross, GA 30071 DOB: 02/24/1957 Race/Sex: Black/Female Cnt. 1: Failure to Yield Right of Way (O.C.G.A. 40-6-71)
24. W cash bond	2021D-04409-4 20ZGW06355 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: _____	ALEXIS ESCANDON 5847 Marcelle Ln Norcross, GA 30093 DOB: 07/12/2000 Race/Sex: White/Male Cnt. 1: Battery, Family Violence (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23.1(f)) Cnt. 2: Simple Battery, Family Violence (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23(f)) Cnt. 3: Simple Battery (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23)
25. W N.G.	2021D-04415-4 20ZGW06042 Interpreter: _____ # of Defs: 1 Atty: _____	ELAMIN HASSAN 4749 Duval Point Snellville, GA 30039 DOB: 08/28/1980 Race/Sex: Black/Male Cnt. 1: Simple Battery, Family Violence (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23(f)) Cnt. 2: Simple Battery (O.C.G.A. 16-5-23)

25 cases

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**IN THE STATE COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE OF ARRAIGNMENT**

STATE v. Gorgeous Byonce McCullough

CASE NO: 2021D-04223-4

JUDGE: Ronda Colvin Leary

COURTROOM: 3E

TO: Gorgeous Byonce McCullough

The Defendant and His/Her Attorney must appear for Arraignment on **Monday, January 03, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** before above-named Judge at the Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia. The Bondsman is not required to appear. The Victim is not required to appear, but has a right to be present and to express opinion if a sentence is given. Failure of the Defendant to appear will result in a bond forfeiture and issuance of a warrant for his/her arrest.

Herein fail not under the penalty of law by
the authority of the Judge of said court on
this Monday, December 13, 2021.

BRIAN WHITESIDE
SOLICITOR-GENERAL
GWINNETT COUNTY STATE COURT
PHONE: (770) 822-8300

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE PLEASE VISIT
WWW.GWINNETTSOLICITOR.COM/CONTACTS OR CALL 770-822-8300.**

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IN THE STATE COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE OF ARRAIGNMENT

STATE v. Gorgeous Byonce Mccullough

CASE NO: 2021D-04223-4

JUDGE: Ronda Colvin Leary

COURTROOM: 3E

TO: Bond, James Bond - Gwinnett

The Defendant and His/Her Attorney must appear for Arraignment on Monday, January 03, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. before above-named Judge at the Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia. The Bondsman is not required to appear. The Victim is not required to appear, but has a right to be present and to express opinion if a sentence is given. Failure of the Defendant to appear will result in a bond forfeiture and issuance of a warrant for his/her arrest.

Herein fail not under the penalty of law by the authority of the Judge of said court on this Monday, December 13, 2021.

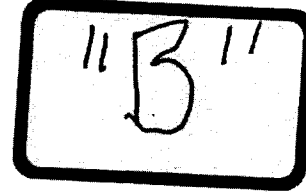
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Walt Britt

From: South, Pamela <Pamela.South@gwinnettcounty.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 3:46 PM
To: Walt Britt
Subject: FW: Meeting to discuss jury trial issues

Email correspondence before Brian sent out his press release.



From: South, Pamela <Pamela.South@gwinnettcounty.com>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Whiteside, Brian <Brian.Whiteside@gwinnettcounty.com>
Cc: Cope, Veronica <Veronica.Cope@gwinnettcounty.com>; Colvin Leary, Ronda <Ronda.ColvinLeary@gwinnettcounty.com>; Bratton, Shawn <Shawn.Bratton@gwinnettcounty.com>; Brantley, Emily <Emily.Brantley@gwinnettcounty.com>; Brown, Carla <Carla.Brown@gwinnettcounty.com>; Boudewyns, Phil <Phil.Boudewyns@gwinnettcounty.com>
Subject: Re: Meeting to discuss jury trial issues

We fully understand the need to protect staff and all others.

No jury trials are being conducted next week for State or Superior Court, and that will provide us with a better opportunity to assess this developing situation.

In the meantime, we do need to accommodate those who have been summoned to court and who have taken off work to make court appearances.

We ask that your available staff attend court appearances where in-person assistance is necessary (such as arraignments) and remain accessible by Zoom in other hearings.

Our past efforts to make court appearances safe have been successful and we will continue with these efforts.

From: Whiteside, Brian <Brian.Whiteside@gwinnettcounty.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 2:14 PM
To: South, Pamela <Pamela.South@gwinnettcounty.com>
Cc: Cope, Veronica <Veronica.Cope@gwinnettcounty.com>; Colvin Leary, Ronda <Ronda.ColvinLeary@gwinnettcounty.com>; Bratton, Shawn <Shawn.Bratton@gwinnettcounty.com>; Brantley, Emily <Emily.Brantley@gwinnettcounty.com>; Brown, Carla <Carla.Brown@gwinnettcounty.com>; Boudewyns, Phil <Phil.Boudewyns@gwinnettcounty.com>
Subject: RE: Meeting to discuss jury trial issues

Judge South, please be advised that as in the past as seen by the listed EMAIL, Covid has once again infected our staff. We cannot move forward with any court matters at this time in person. ZOOM or other means may be used. Our Staff now have numerous infections that have stopped our ability to enact in person court. Also, the children of my staff have become infected along with adult relatives. I must protect, Judges, Judges staff, Clerk of the Court staff, Law Enforcement, and the public from cross infections. The Week of 1-3-2022 through- 2-28-22 our staff cannot move forward with in person court. Our Law Enforcement Officers, Lawyers, Legal Assistants and Victim Advocates have suffered infections. I will enact a NEWS RELEASE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND ATTEMPT TO INFORM ALL NECESSARY PARTIES. MY PHONE # 678- 499- 6724. I cannot take calls till after 5:00 PM today 12-30-2021. Thank you.

From: South, Pamela <Pamela.South@gwinnettcountry.com>

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:05 PM

To: Whiteside, Brian <Brian.Whiteside@gwinnettcountry.com>; Miller, Matt <Matt.Miller@gwinnettcountry.com>

Subject: Meeting to discuss jury trial issues

Brian, I think it may be a good idea to get ahead of the curve on next month's jury trial issues relating to COVID.

I would like to meet with you and Matt after Labor Day so we look at the numbers and perhaps talk about some processes that will work for all of us. I recall that we did that right after COVID shut us down and it helped get us going again.

I am looking at my calendar and have the afternoon of September 13th and the morning of the 15th open. If these days don't work, please let me know.

Pam South



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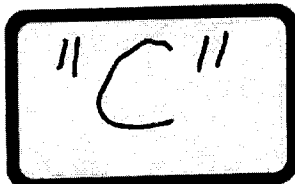
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The Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office is responsible for the prosecution of all State **misdemeanor crimes** in the State Court of Gwinnett County and all County ordinance violations (including traffic citations) in the Recorder's Court of Gwinnett County.

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Misdemeanor crimes consist of any crime punishable by a maximum of one year in jail or less. The Solicitor's Office prosecutes approximately 9,000 misdemeanor cases each year.

Misdemeanors include crimes against persons, for example; domestic violence, battery, simple battery, simple assault, and stalking. Misdemeanors may also include property crimes, for example; criminal trespass, criminal damage to property (less than \$500), theft by taking (less than \$1500) and theft by shoplifting (less than \$500). Traffic violations bound over from Recorder's or Municipal English





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Gwinnett Solicitor General Whiteside closes his office through January because of COVID

By Curt Yeomans
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Gwinnett County Solicitor General Brian Whiteside announced Friday afternoon that he will close his office in January because of the new spike in COVID-19 cases.

Whiteside said the new spike, part of the spread of the new Omicron variant of COVID, has caused staffing shortages in his office. The move to close the office means there will not be in-person State Court activities from Monday until

at least Jan. 20, although virtual operations could take place and Recorder's Court and the Jail Court will remain open.

"We have given a great deal of consideration to the idea of briefly suspending in-person operations," Whiteside said in a statement. "Given the recent increase in COVID-19 transmissions, we strongly believe that this is the best course of action not just for our staff, but for the people we serve each day as well."

Whiteside told the Daily Post said about 10% of people who work in his office, including some attorneys, have tested positive for COVID-19 in recent weeks.

Some employees are expected

work from home as part of the office's closure.

Officials said the exact length of the closure is tentative, but it is expected to go until at least the later part of January. Whiteside said pleas will continue to be handled during the office's closure.

The Georgia Department of Public Health reported on Friday that there had been 10,483 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Gwinnett County over the last two weeks. That's a rate of 1,079 new cases for every 100,000 residents over a two-week period.

To date, there have been 127,002 cases of COVID-19 reported in Gwinnett County since the pandemic arrived in Georgia in March 2020.


Brian Whiteside



Densmore, Carla

From: Edelkind, Lori
Sent: Sunday, January 2, 2022 7:16 PM
To: Densmore, Carla
Cc: Torrence, Mari Lee
Subject: Court

Good Evening, will you all be placing a note on the courtroom doors cancelling court tomorrow?

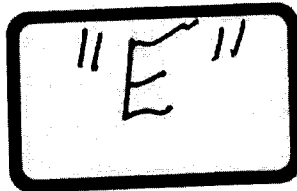
PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF YOUR CLIENT REQUIRES THE USE OF AN INTERPRETER

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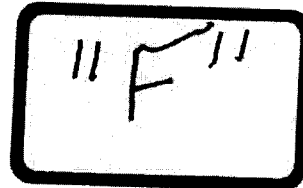


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From: Densmore, Carla <Carla.Densmore@gwinnettcountry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:25 PM
To: Walt Britt
Subject: FW: Cancel Interpreter



Carla Densmore
Judicial Assistant
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From: McLean, Mia <Mia.McLean@gwinnettcountry.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Densmore, Carla <Carla.Densmore@gwinnettcountry.com>
Subject: RE: Cancel Interpreter

Good Morning,

The legal supervisor Sherie Brown stated you could give her a call or email her, but we were instructed that there will be no court

Sherie Brown
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From: Hayfron, Tina <Tina.Hayfron@gwinnettcountry.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 9:06 AM
To: Densmore, Carla <Carla.Densmore@gwinnettcountry.com>; McLean, Mia <Mia.McLean@gwinnettcountry.com>; Martin, Kelsea <Kelsea.Martin@gwinnettcountry.com>
Cc: Turner, Janese <Janese.Turner@gwinnettcountry.com>; Adams, Carole <Carole.Adams@gwinnettcountry.com>
Subject: RE: Cancel Interpreter

Good morning Carla, I have an interpreter headed to your courtroom. If you can kindly give her about 15 minutes to get there, thank you.



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We are having court his morning and will need our interpreter.

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Thank you Mia, I will cancel the Spanish interpreter request for 9am this morning.



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Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 8:37 AM
To: Hayfron, Tina <Tina.Hayfron@gwinnettcountry.com>
Subject: Cancel Interpreter

Good Morning,

Court for the month of January has been cancelled. Judge Leary will not be needing an interpreter January 3, 2022

Mia McLean
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Judge's Judicial Assistant, Sharon Hubbard (770) 822-8506

**JUDGE RONDA COLVIN
LEARY
ARRAIGNMENT
CALENDAR SCHEDULED
FOR
JANUARY 3RD, 2022
HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

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Brian Whiteside
Solicitor General

January 3, 2020

Judge Pam South, Judge Carla Brown, Judge Shawn Bratton
Judge Rhonda Colvin Leary, Judge Veronica Cope, Judge Emily Brantley

Re: The current judicial calendars

Dear All:

You may not be aware, but the Solicitor's Office is very short staffed right now. We have had approximately 30 percent of our staff out with COVID or quarantining because of exposure to family members with COVID. The surge in Covid cases affects not only our office but also the general public. I do not want to have a super spreader event caused by packing a court room with large numbers of people. I also want to protect our staff as well as the public. In order to cover the courts, I would propose the following plan until January 20, 2020, at which time we can re-evaluate the necessity of continuing with the plan or resuming normal operations.

No jury trials or arraignments will be scheduled in January 2022. Our office will notify those defendants by email of the postponement of their case. At any calendar, the Defendants would be scheduled 6 feet apart in the court room, properly wear masks and the court room could be cleaned in between calendars. We can schedule pleas if the defendant so chooses on any miscellaneous calendar.

Smaller calendars of ten (10) cases or less, such as Motions, Miscellaneous and probation revocations would proceed as scheduled but the defendants and all others in the courtroom would be spaced at least 6 feet apart. Any hearing where the safety of the public could be impacted, such as Motions to revoke bond, would proceed as usual.

I realize that this may be an inconvenience, but I want to balance the safety of our staff and the public with the ability of the Courts to move forward. Please let me know your thoughts.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Brian Whiteside
Gwinnett County Solicitor

