

Dodge 2020 Charger
2C3CDXBG1LH232597 TAG#
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VOLKSWAGEN 2013 PASSAT
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Infiniti 1998 Q45
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Nissan 2011 Altima
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TAOI 2022 LANCER 150
(EAGLE 150)*
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YCF625 GA

Jaguar 2016 XF-Series
SAJBD4BV2GCY22645 TAG#
CPP5931 GA

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

Quick Drop Impounding, Towing, and Recovery
2481 Old Covington Hwy SW
Conyers GA 30012

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

Yr Make Model Color VIN #
Vehicle License # State
++2013 Toyota Camry BLK
4t1bf1fk3du680363++ UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
Present location of vehicle:
1945 Rogers Lake Road
Lithonia GA 30058. You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle may file an answer to this petition on or before: 19 Mar 2025

Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 556 N McDonough St #270, Decatur, GA 30030

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of DEKALB County to foreclose liens against the vehicle (s) listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicle's inquiry can be attained at:

555 HWY 138 STE C RIVERDALE, GA. 30274
Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 03/07/2025

Vehicle Make: TOYOTA Year: 2019
Model: RAV4
Vehicle License # TGV7147
State: GA
V e h i c l e
ID:2T3W1RFV4K002624

Magistrate Court Case #25V00208

Vehicle Make: TRAILER Year: Model:
Vehicle License #
State: GA
V e h i c l e
ID:1JJV532D5CL677418
Magistrate Court Case #

Vehicle Make: TRAILER Year: Model:
Vehicle License #
State: GA
V e h i c l e
ID:5V8VA53287M702080
Magistrate Court Case #

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Vehicle License #
State: GA
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Magistrate Court Case #

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PUBLIC NOTICE

An Application has been applied for a Liquor, Beer, and Wine Retail Dealer License for **++LIVE OAK TAP++**, located at 947 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083. The owner is Jonathan Hartnett, 1766 Mountain Glen Stone Mountain, GA 30087

330-493800 3/13

DEKALB COUNTY

++GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS JANUARY – FEBRUARY TERM, 2025++
TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES: COURTNEY L. JOHNSON ASHA F. JACKSON YOLANDA C. PARKER-SMITH SHONDEANA C. MORRIS GREGORY A. ADAMS STACEY K. HYDRICK LATISHA DEAR JACKSON NORA POLK BRIAN E. LAKE TANGELA BARRIE

Of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia, Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit
This Grand Jury, sworn in by the Honorable LaTisha Dear Jackson in the DeKalb Superior Court on January 7th, 2025, respectfully submits the following presentments.

INDICTMENTS

This Grand Jury was presented with (430) cases during the January/February 2025 term. Of these cases True Bills and (1) No Bill were returned. An additional (158) cases proceeded by Accusations.

REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION

Pursuant to the O.C.G.A. § 15-12-80, we the presently constituted Grand Jury recommend to the Honorable LaTisha Dear Jackson that these General Presentments be published in whole in the County Legal Organ.

This Term the Grand Jury completed the mandatory inspection of the Dekalb County Probate Court.

The Grand Jury submitting the following:
Case Presentation
• Reading the counts verbatim when there are several counts taking a while. It may expedite things if more cases can be paraphrased whenever possible. Especially if there is a lot

of redundant information, highlighting just the differences could save a lot of time and make it much clearer what we should be paying attention to, e.g. "same defendant, same date, same charge, different victim."

• It would be helpful to use less legalese in the presentations; to simplify. Since grand jury sessions are rather informal, the language used may be as well. This could save time.

• Witnesses should be instructed on the purpose of the grand jury and to focus on the statements necessary to determine probable cause for the given charges. Some witnesses would go off on tangents or provide irrelevant (although sometimes entertaining) information.

• Some ADAs should be reminded that the grand jury is not the place to have a trial. The cases should be presented to us for the purpose of determining probable cause, not a guilty or not guilty verdict. The extended Q&A sessions with the witnesses are for the courtroom across the street, not the grand jury room. We only need evidence to determine probable cause.

• Indictments should be proofread more carefully before being presented. This would save time on having to make corrections later or during testimony.

• ADAs and witnesses need to be ready to come into the jury room promptly. There are times when we're sitting there waiting several minutes for the next witness to enter.

• It is understood that presentation styles vary among ADAs, but some were more effective/efficient than others. The most effective presenters were those who paraphrased the counts of the indictment, allowed the witnesses to testify to the underlying facts (with guidance, if needed, to stay on track), and then circled back to the counts of the indictment, briefly explaining which facts went with which counts.

Grand jury process feedback
• It would be helpful to know how grand jurors are selected, to better understand the process.

• Possibly consider having three jury forepersons. If one is absent the other cannot take much of a break.

• There should be a mandatory hard stop 15 minute break built into the day for breaks for all jurors, especially on days when it runs after 12 noon. Jurors should not have to depend on having enough people in the room in order to leave to go take a bathroom break or grab a quick snack. Some jurors tend to spend a significant amount of time in the jury break room and it doesn't allow others to take a break.

• I was called in to serve the night before the grand jury were to be sworn in on Tuesday, after having been told the prior Thursday I was dismissed. It's very difficult to rearrange two days of work with less than 12 hours notice and while I understand there are unforeseen circumstances, I would just suggest that the grand jurors ultimately selected are better vetted or recommend the DA's office proceed with 24 instead of 26 jurors. I know that makes it

difficult to coordinate absences, but giving someone 12 hours notice that they'll be serving for 2 months is so disruptive.

Technology
• Odyssey is bulky, outdated, and difficult to use. A more user-friendly interface should be considered.

• Would prefer for forepersons to be vetted on their technology skills before they are allowed to take on the role.

• Maybe consider a different method of voting in the future; electronically, which would make the votes anonymous. Term length/payment for service

• Term length should be shorter as it takes a toll mentally and financially on jurors.

• Would prefer to work full days for a shorter session (i.e. - instead of ending at noon, could we have more on the docket and only serve one month).

• Would be great if juror selection could be cross-referenced with folks on unemployment to avoid disrupting jobs, especially those who are hourly and have a greater financial hardship if selected.

• Exemption for service should be extended to at least 3 years and should include petit juror service as well. Grand jurors have provided a significant service above and beyond folks who have just had to sit in a room for a few hours.

• The electronic cards are great; however, they cannot be used everywhere. If you could get a more universal card that would be helpful.

Jury Room/Break Area
• Light switch in the jury room needs to be replaced. It's very difficult to turn the light off; it takes a little more effort turning it off than it does turning it on.

• There needs to be a major improvement in the jury break room. Let's start with getting an actual working Keurig, not an off brand one that does not work half the time. There is no reason the coffee pods cannot remain stocked as you can get a box of pods from Costco or Sams.

The seating choices could be better, possibly a couch. Snack choices in the vending machine could be better, maybe aim for more healthier options. There should be more than one crossword puzzle book for jurors to choose from. Include a variety of crossword puzzles/activity books along with some adult coloring books and a full set of coloring tools not just 3 or 4. Give jurors resources to help them stay attentive during these long sessions.

• Consider providing a schedule and more frequent visits from the therapy dogs. We were under the impression that the therapy dogs would visit us more often than they did.

Parking
• Parking can be a pain at times especially when trying to find a parking spot and make it in by 8:30 am. Why can't jurors park in the parking deck connected to the building?

Community observations/concerns
• Dekalb County should really think about launching a community outreach program to help those who might not have access to important services. This could include things like education, healthcare, or social services that can steer young people away from crime

and towards better opportunities. The whole idea behind community outreach is to spark positive change and strengthen our neighborhoods, which is something we definitely need right now.

• It would be nice to know if there is research done on locations of crimes so resources can be redirected to areas known for high crime. There are clear trends in parts of the county, gas stations, and cheap motels.

• It would be helpful to know or understand if the COVID backlog of cases is close to being resolved. Some of these cases are so dated, it's upsetting to think defendants who are suspected of committing heinous felonies are out on bond for years before they face punishment.

• There should be more support and resources made available for individuals dealing with mental health issues that have committed said crimes such as rehab services versus throwing them in jail and racking up charges within the legal system. This does not seem to be a win for anyone. Support should not be predicated on an indictment.

Legislative suggestions

• Jury duty pay should be tax exempt.

• The legislature should reconsider whether every felony needs to be considered by the grand jury.

Overall observations/additional comments

• "You can leave when all the cases are done" creates a strong incentive for the grand jury to spend as little time per case as possible, which does a disservice to the accused, the attorneys, and to the law enforcement officers who testify.

• Grand jurors need to be reminded that we're not here to determine guilt or innocence or what the mental state of the defendants are. We are to determine probable cause only. It would be helpful to have a one page fact sheet outlining the standard for probable cause, as well as a condensed summary of the most frequently seen criminal charges. Jurors need to not let their personal feelings get in the way of determining probable cause, which results in a No Bill when we clearly have evidence for a True Bill.

• From the previous three grand jury terms there were 1210 cases and only a single no bill, with a similar trend emerging for this session. This represents a rejection rate of 0.08%. While this number is a testament to the DA's office only presenting cases they believe to

have strong probable cause, it creates a feeling of "rubber stamping" for the members of the grand jury and severely weakens any pride or enthusiasm for the process. While we acknowledge that the ADA knowing they will have to present the case to a grand jury helps set their high standards, forcing a group of 26 citizens to disrupt their lives for 2 months and be exposed to disturbing testimony does not seem worth the trade off. Some potential suggestions that may ease the burden on jurors and generally lighten the case load:

• A "fast track" for cases where there is overwhelming probable cause such as video evid-

ence or the suspect has confessed. There was never any discussion in such cases.

o In cases where there are mental health or other issues that would result in diversion, the relevant teams should have the power to intervene before a crime is charged.

Ideally, we would be able to aid these folks before crimes were even committed! Such cases tended to spark the most debate during this session and getting them out of the queue before the grand jury had to see them would streamline the process.

o I think it would be helpful for the ADA to remind the grand jury with more frequency what constitutes probable cause. We had one Aggravated Assault case where we voted "No Bill" despite the police having obtained video evidence of a woman waving a gun at a victim. This should not involve extended dialogue. We discussed this case for a long time and I think several grand juror members felt bad for her or felt like it was justified based on the situation. That is not our decision and there should be very little debate on voting true if an officer is reporting there is video evidence.

• We enjoyed the presentation by Judge Hargrove and found it informative. It would be helpful to receive information ahead of the audit so that the jurors are better able to present inquiries.

• The overall experience among jurors varied.
o Overall I learned a lot about our legal system within DeKalb County, some good and some bad. I did not personally enjoy this experience. There is definitely room for growth. I would like to see the Grand Jury start time changed from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. Witnesses should not be allowed to come in earlier than 30 mins prior to start time. This process is already an inconvenience on our lives. Mandating jurors to be here by 8:30 am and threatening to penalize people who actually put forth effort to be present but may arrive late a few times due to unforeseen circumstances is very upsetting. We did not choose to be here, therefore, not everyone has the flexibility to drop normal life duties such as kid drop-offs, commuting, weather, etc...

There should be a grace period given and if that juror communicates with the Senior ADA regarding a late arrival then that person should not be penalized. Cases that are word versus word where we have no viable evidence should not be presented to the grand

jury for indictment. Some of the felony murder cases presented to the grand jury had no viable evidence to base probable cause from, oftentimes we are only presented with the victim's statement. "A dead man can not talk." I can not see how that would be a fair legal system.

o This was an interesting experience. To all of those in the justice system, from officers to clerks and beyond, this experience makes one see some of the tremendous efforts required in seeking justice.

o I appreciated the professionalism of Nyoka and the other ADAs, as well as the witnesses.

• During periods where we are expecting inclement weather, it would be helpful to know in advance if we may be expected to serve a different day of the

week. The courthouse was closed on a Tuesday and then subsequently a Wednesday. Wednesday evening at 6pm, we were advised there would be grand jury on Friday, then it was moved to Thursday. Most of us do not have the ability to rearrange our schedules with less than 12 hours notice. In addition, if schools are closed, it should be expected that the courthouse is closed and/or that missing that date should not count as an absence when not told that information prior to the last minute rescheduling.

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ORDER

The within and forgoing presentments have been filed in open Court.
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said presentment be filed and published, as requested, in the County Legal Organ.
SO ORDERED this 26th, day of February 2025.
HONORABLE LATISHA DEAR JACKSON
DEKALB SUPERIOR COURT
STONE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ACKNOWLEDGED:
SHERRY BOSTON DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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++Toyota 2007 Camry
JTNBE46K473062077++ TAG#
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Chevrolet 2020 Malibu
1G1ZD55T3LF024304 TAG#
DAJ2888 GA

Hundai 2011 Sonata
5NPEC4AB1BH179675 TAG#
SGQ1887 GA

Ford 2000 Expedition
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Ford 2017 Escape