## ORDER FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION OF GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS

The above and foregoing presentments of the Grand Jury for the February Term, 2020, of the Superior Court of Liberty County having been presented to the Court, it is hereby ordered that said presentments shall be filed by the Clerk of Superior Court and published in the legal organ of said county in the manner provided by law for legal advertisements.

So ordered on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

Honorable Robert L. Russell, III

Judge of Superior Court,

Atlantic Judicial Circuit of Georgia

Chief I Sollward Court

## **Grand Jury Presentments**



February Term 2020

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We, the Liberty County Grand Jury for February 2020 term convened on February 10 at the Liberty County Courthouse. Selection was performed and the panel was sworn in by Judge Robert L. Russell III. The members of the grand jury were instructed on their duties and responsibilities that were expected to be carried out during the time of duty. The Grand Jury consisted of 23 members. The foreperson was elected to be William John Wood and the assistant foreperson was Reinaldo Torres, Jr. The Clerk was elected to be Rebecca Leah Coefield-Floyd and the assistant clerk was Taylor Sheree Hearn.

The 2020 February Grand Jury met for the first time on February 10-11, 2020. Within 1 month after our initial gathering, the world was hit with the COVID-19 pandemic. For over a month, everything in Georgia was shut down. After this initial shutdown many offices remained closed as they tried to figure out how to do business in a safe manner. After our first meeting in February we were to reconvene in June, but given the climate, we were postponed. To this day, the courts have still not opened fully and the Grand Jury has not been able to meet.

On February 10-11, 2020, the Grand Jury heard presentations given by the Atlantic Judicial Circuit's District Attorney's office along with the circuits arresting departments. The Grand Jury returned true bills as well as no bills to add up to 77 indictments.

During our session, we reviewed the financial statements of the Clerk of Courts office and the Probate office. We did not note any reason for concern in review of these statements.

Also during this session, we decided that at our next session we would have a breakout group that would go and inspect the Liberty County Jail. Unfortunately secondary to the pandemic we were not able to complete this.

We had no recommendations.

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