

**LIBERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
SEPTEMBER TERM, 2026
TRIAL CALENDAR**

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS AND COUNSEL:

Read the Calendar Carefully. You **MUST** appear on the day for Rule 20 Calendar Call. These dates are before your trial.

NOTICE TO BONDSMEN:

You are responsible for having the person whose bond you signed in court for Rule 20 Calendar Call. Read the Calendar carefully. FAILURE OF THE DEFENDANT TO APPEAR CAN RESULT IN YOU HAVING TO PAY THE BOND.

A calendar call under Rule 20 U.S.C.R. will be held before the Honorable D. Jay Stewart on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. and jury selection will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the Liberty County Justice Center. Attorneys and Defendants in all cases listed on this calendar are **REQUIRED** to be present on both dates.

Judge D. Jay Stewart's cases will be tried on September 29 and 30, 2026 and October 1, 2, and 14, 2026. The date of the trial will be determined at **RULE 20/CALENDAR CALL** and **ATTORNEYS AND DEFENDANTS** are to be present for **RULE 20/CALENDAR CALL** on Thursday, September 3, 2026 and for **JURY SELECTION** on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. **AND BE PREPARED TO PROCEED TO TRIAL UNTIL THE CASES ARE DISPOSED OF OR THE TRIAL PERIOD ENDS.**

**NO CONTINUANCES WILL BE GRANTED EXCEPT ON STATUTORY GROUNDS.
SO ORDERED, THIS THE 20th DAY OF August, 2026.**

David L. Cavender, Senior Judge

**HON. D. JAY STEWART
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT
ATLANTIC JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Case	Defendant	Charges	Attorneys
2023-R-515JS	Stephon Markel Whitaker	Count 1 Armed Robbery Offense Date: 04/16/2021	No. Attorney of Record ADA: Marie Defusco Date: Disp:
2024-R-293JS	Brandon Montrez Robinson	Count 1 Malice Murder Count 2 Felony Murder Count 3 Cruelty to Children in the First Degree Count 4 Felony Murder Count 5 Cruelty to Children in the First Degree Count 6 Cruelty to Children in the Second Degree Count 9 Making a False Statement Count 11 Tampering With Evidence Count 12 Concealing Death of Another Offense Dates: 01/01/2022 - 05/01/2023	Atty: Virginia Crocker Purdee ADA: Melissa L. Poole/ Joe Skeens Date: Disp:
2025-R-155	Anthony Daquan Howard	Count 1 Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer Count 2 Serious Injury by Vehicle Count 3 Hit and Run Count 4 Reckless Driving Count 5 Failure to Maintain Lane Offense Date: 12/07/2023	Atty: Alan David Tucker ADA: Hugh D. Ridgway, III Date: Disp:
2025-R-188	Christopher Lee Young	Count 1 Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance Offense Date: 03/26/2023	Atty: Virginia Crocker Purdee ADA: Hugh D. Ridgway, III Date: Disp:

Case	Defendant	Charges	Attorneys
2025-R-338JS	Jareth John Simmons	Count 1 Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer Count 2 Aggravated Battery Count 3 Obstruction of an Officer Count 4 Obstruction of an Officer Count 5 Obstruction of an Officer Count 6 Failure to Stop at Stop Sign Count 7 Expired Tag Count 8 Failure to Wear Seat Safety Belt Offense Date: 07/21/2025	Atty: Virginia Crocker Purdee ADA: Marie Defusco Date: Disp:
2025-R-385	Chad Karshone James	Count 1 Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Distribute Count 2 Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Distribute Count 3 Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Distribute Count 4 Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Distribute Count 5 Trafficking Methamphetamine or Amphetamine Count 6 Trafficking in Cocaine Count 7 Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance Count 8 Possession of Tools for the Commission of Crime Offense Dates: 07/03/2024 - 10/25/2024	Atty: Virginia Crocker Purdee ADA: Hugh D. Ridgway, III Date: Disp:
2025-R-405	Johnathan Cornardo Neil, Jr.	Count 1 Aggravated Battery Offense Date: 08/03/2025	Atty: Shericka McKnight ADA: Marie Defusco Date: Disp:

Case	Defendant	Charges	Attorneys
2025-R-415	Demoia Omar Davis	Count 1 Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer Count 2 Driving Under the Influence (Less Safe) (Drugs) Count 3 Possession of Marijuana, Less than an Ounce Count 4 Failure to Maintain Lane Count 5 Driving on Wrong Side of Roadway Count 6 Driving Without Headlights Count 7 Speeding Count 8 Failure to Stop at Stop Sign Count 9 Tampering With Evidence Count 10 Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon Offense Dates: 05/22/2025 - 05/23/2025	Atty: Justin David Maines (Filed Motion to Withdraw) ADA: Marie Defusco Date: Disp:
2025-R-431 JS	Christopher Sadiel Conner	Count 1 Felony Murder Count 2 Cruelty to Children in the First Degree Offense Dates: 09/03/2023 - 10/14/2023	Atty: Virginia Crocker Purdee ADA: Donna Sims Date: Disp:
2025-R-436JS	Derwin Maurice Florence	Count 1 Theft by Taking Count 2 Hindering Emergency Telephone Call Count 3 Criminal Trespass Count 4 Simple Battery, Family Violence Offense Date: 02/24/2025	Atty: Gabe T. Cliett ADA: Hugh D. Ridgway, III Date: Disp:

Case	Defendant	Charges	Attorneys
2025-R-439JS	Nicholas Edward Walthour	Count 1 Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute Count 2 Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance Count 3 Illegal Substances Within 1000 ft. of a Housing Project Offense Date: 02/21/2025	Atty: Virginia Crocker Purdee ADA: Hugh D. Ridgway, III Date: Disp:
2025-R-441JS	Tatiana Niambi Heyward	Count 1 Theft by Conversion Offense Date: 07/02/2024	Atty: Virginia Crocker Purdee ADA: Marie Defusco Date: Disp:

TRIAL CASES FOR JUDGE D. JAY STEWART

DATE	CASE NUMBER	CASE	OFFENSE(S)	STATE'S ATTORNEY	DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY
TUESDAY 09-29-26					
WEDNESDAY 09-30-26					
WEDNESDAY 04-1-26					
THURSDAY 10-1-26					
FRIDAY 10-2-26					
WEDNESDAY 10-14-26					