

WITNESS:

GENERAL BILL OF INDICTMENT

Special Agent Logan Holland  
Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Region 13  
108 Woodlawn Drive  
Perry, Georgia 31069

No. SU2021CR001819

GEORGIA, MUSCOGEE COUNTY  
CLERK'S OFFICE SUPERIOR COURT  
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Muscogee Superior Court

AUGUST TERM 2021

The State of Georgia

vs.

MARK PRESTON JONES

The Defendant, **Mark Preston Jones**, hereby waives formal arraignment and demands a copy of the Bill of Indictment and list of witnesses and hereby pleads \_\_\_\_\_ guilty.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Defendant

OFFENSE

- Ct. 1: INFLUENCING WITNESSES  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-93
- Ct. 2: ATTEMPTED SUBORNATION OF PERJURY  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-72
- Ct. 3: VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-1
- Ct. 4: BRIBERY  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-2
- Ct. 5: BRIBERY  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-2
- Ct. 6: ATTEMPTED VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-1
- Ct. 7: ATTEMPTED VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-1
- Ct. 8: INFLUENCING WITNESSES  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-93
- Ct. 9: VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER  
O.C.G.A. 16-10-1

Filed in office by:

September 7 Grand Jury Bailiff  
Danielle F. Forté 2021  
 Clerk, S. C.  
True BILL  
[Signature] Foreman

CHRISTOPHER M. CARR, Attorney General  
SPECIAL PRESENTMENT



**GEORGIA,      MUSCOGEE COUNTY**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MUSCOGEE COUNTY**

The Grand Jurors selected, chosen and sworn for the County of Muscogee to wit:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Elvin Leon - Foreperson      |                       |
| 2. Kalin Tate – Secretary/Clerk | 13. Marcus Harris     |
| 3. Bobbie Hill                  | 14. Melanie Piland    |
| 4. Salma Dabit                  | 15. James Kennedy     |
| 5. Milton Ivey                  | 16. Willie McCullough |
| 6. April Gilmer                 | 17. Karen Lorini      |
| 7. Johnny Thresher              | 18. Tiffany Benton    |
| 8. Theresa Spratling            | 19. Donna Fiore       |
| 9. Adrianna Bivens              | 20. Tiffany Nicholas  |
| 10. Michelle Taylor             | 21. Shacara Watson    |
| 11. James Hall                  | 22. Gentry Sherman    |
| 12. Katelyn Sonnenschein        | 23. Laura Grant       |

**COUNT 1 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-93)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA,** charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **INFLUENCING WITNESSES**, for that the said accused, on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia, did knowingly attempt to persuade Corporal Sherman Hayes’ testimony, by means of corruption, in Grand Jury proceedings in the matter of the State of Georgia v. Elijah Farral, an official proceeding, by telling Corporal Sherman Hayes that he should testify that Elijah Farral believed that the deceased victim, Sara Holtrop, was “cheating on” Elijah Farral, thereby providing motive evidence so that Elijah Farral could be charged with Murder, contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 2 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-72)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA,** charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **ATTEMPTED SUBORNATION OF PERJURY**, for that the said accused, on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia, with intent to commit Subornation of Perjury, did attempt to procure and induce perjury from Corporal Sherman Hayes in the matter of the State of Georgia v. Elijah Farral by telling Corporal Sherman Hayes that he should testify that Elijah Farral believed that the deceased victim, Sara Holtrop, was cheating on Elijah Farral, thereby providing motive evidence so that Elijah Farral could be charged with Murder, an act which constitutes a substantial step towards the commission of Subornation of Perjury, contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 3 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-1)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA,** charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER**, for that the said accused, on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia,, did willfully and intentionally violate the terms of his oath of office by committing the offenses of Influencing Witnesses and Attempted Subornation of Perjury contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 4 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-1)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA,** charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **BRIBERY**, for that the said accused, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia, did offer to give Sheneka Jones Terry, a person acting on behalf of the State, \$1,000, money to which she is not entitled, with the purpose of influencing her in the performance of her act as an Assistant District Attorney, by offering Sheneka Jones Terry \$1,000 in exchange for obtaining a murder conviction, which is an act related to the function of her employment, contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 5 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-2)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA,** charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **BRIBERY**, for that the said accused, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia, did offer to give Kimberly Schwartz, a person acting on behalf of the State, \$1,000, money to which she is not entitled, with the purpose of influencing her in the performance of her act as an Assistant District Attorney, by offering aforesaid \$1,000 in exchange for announcing ready on a murder trial to the Superior Court on a case that was not ready for trial, which is an act related to the function of her employment, contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 6 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-1)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA**, charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **ATTEMPTED VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER**, for that the said accused, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia,, did willfully and intentionally attempt to violate the terms of Chief Assistant District Attorney Sheneka Jones Terry's oath of office by offering her \$1,000 to obtain a murder conviction when Chief Assistant District Attorney Sheneka Jones Terry's oath of office commands that she take only her lawful compensation, an act which constitutes a substantial step towards the commission of Violation of Oath by Public Officer, contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 7 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-1)**

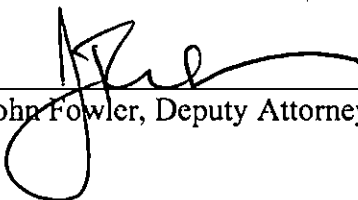
**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA**, charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **ATTEMPTED VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER**, for that the said accused, on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia,, did willfully and intentionally attempt to violate the terms of Assistant District Attorney Kimberly Schwartz's oath of office by offering her \$1,000 to obtain a murder conviction when Assistant District Attorney Kimberly Schwartz's oath of office commands that she take only her lawful compensation, an act which constitutes a substantial step towards the commission of Violation of Oath by Public Officer, contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 8 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-93)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA**, charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **INFLUENCING WITNESSES**, for that the said accused, on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia, did knowingly use a threat and engage in misleading conduct with the intent to influence and prevent the testimony of Chris Bailey in a victim impact statement, which is an official proceeding, contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace, and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 9 (O.C.G.A. 16-10-1)**

**THE GRAND JURORS AFORESAID, IN THE NAME AND BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA,** charge and accuse **MARK PRESTON JONES** with the offense of **VIOLATION OF OATH BY PUBLIC OFFICER**, for that the said accused, on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia, did willfully and intentionally violate the terms of his oath of office by not faithfully and impartially discharging his duties as District Attorney as required by his District Attorney oath by not assisting Chris Bailey, a victim of crime, through the complexities of the criminal justice system, and not ensuring that Chris Bailey, a victim of crime, was apprised of the rights afforded him under the law as required by O.C.G.A. § 15-18-6 (10) contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

/s/  \_\_\_\_\_ Prosecuting Attorney  
John Fowler, Deputy Attorney General