


CHEROKEE COUNTY

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At 9:30 a.m.

PATTY BAKER, Clerk **DEPUTY CLERK**
Superior State and Juvenile Courts

STATE OF GEORGIA

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS

TO:

The Honorable Frank C. Mills, III
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

The Honorable N. Jackson Harris
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

The Honorable Ellen McElyea
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia

We the members of this Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the May 2009 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations:

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury, heard **207** Bills Of Indictment, returned **207** True Bills and **0** No Bills.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury, would like to commend the Superior Court Chief Bailiff Jane Johnson and Bailiff Johnny Champion for their assistance in arranging the material for the Grand Jury, managing the schedule of cases to be presented, coordinating the Grand Jury payroll, scheduling tours, guest speakers and presenters, and for helping the Grand Jury proceed in an orderly fashion. We thank them for their friendliness, helpfulness and support.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury, appreciate District Attorney Garry Moss, his Assistance District Attorneys, the Investigators and the fine men and women law enforcement personnel who testified and presented evidence. We especially appreciate the extra time spent in providing us with appropriate instructions and answering our questions to ensure we understood and had the necessary insight on the Grand Jury process to effectively perform our duties.

PRESENTMENT 3

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to thank Gary Winchester, Chairman of the Cherokee County Water Authority and the Board of the Cherokee County Water Authority for their time and information. We would like to commend the Cherokee County Water Authority for the proactive approach and innovative solutions in place to ensure that Cherokee County residents have a steady supply of high quality water. We were impressed with the efficiency and fore site with which the water authority operates.

PRESENTMENT 4

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury had the privilege of meeting and interviewing several highly qualified candidates for three open positions on the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority. After careful consideration, we have appointed the following candidates to the respective positions:

Post 1 Chris Wilbanks
Post 2. Steven Woodruff
City Post: Eric Wilmarth

PRESENTMENT 5

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to commend Cherokee County Sheriff Roger Garrison, the members of the city and county law enforcement community and the members of the Cherokee Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS) for their diligent efforts in protecting the citizens of Cherokee County and reducing crime and drug incidents.

PRESENTMENT 6

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to thank Major Karen Johnson and the staff of the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center (ADC) for their time and tour of the ADC. The facility was found to be clean, efficient and very well run.

PRESENTMENT 7

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to thank Cherokee County 911 Center Director Chris Collett and his staff for their time and insight in providing a tour of the county's communication support center. The Center was found to be expertly staffed and efficiently operated. We would like to commend the staff of the Cherokee County 911 Center for their excellent service to our community.

PRESENTMENT 8

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to thank the Sheriff's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Robby Westbrook for the informative tour of the facility. The state-of-the art facility was very impressive.

PRESENTMENT 9

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to express our concerns regarding the handling of illegal immigrants involved in criminal activity in the county. While we understand this is a federal issue and there are limitations as to what county officials can accomplish, we want to encourage county law enforcement to continue efforts to work with US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in addressing illegal immigrant criminals.

PRESENTMENT 10

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to encourage the District Attorney's office to add any and all applicable charges in indictments related to child abuse, child molestation, child pornography and child endangerment. We felt there were incidents where further charges should have been included on indictments we were presented with.

PRESENTMENT 11

We, the May 2009 Grand Jury would like to see additional driving (traffic offense) charges added to drug related indictments involving the operation of a motor vehicle.

Respectfully submitted, the 9th day of September 2009



GREG PUCKETT
CLERK

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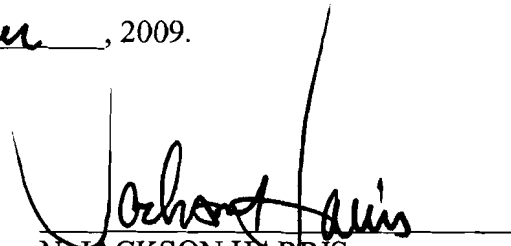
STATE OF GEORGIA


ORDER

The within and foregoing Grand Jury Presentments having read and considered, let the same be filed.

Let a copy of the Presentments, along with a copy of this Order, be sent to the Cherokee Tribune and Radio Station WLJA for publication and the usual fees paid thereon.

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N. JACKSON HARRIS
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit

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