

CHEROKEE COUNTY

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

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We, the members of this Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the May 2011 term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and recommendations.

We, the January 2011 Grand Jury, heard 213 indictments and returned 213 true bills and 0 no bills.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, express our deepest appreciation for and gratitude to the District Attorney, Garry T. Moss, and the Assistant District Attorneys for their expertise and professionalism, patience and clarity in their presenting of cases. Each member of the District Attorney Office delivered his case with thoroughness and conducted himself with both decorum and wisdom, particularly with regard to cases, both sensitive and difficult in nature. They certainly fulfill their roles and callings in excellence, and they display servant-leadership as public servants.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, express our sincere appreciation to Superior Court Chief Bailiff Jane Johnson and Bailiff Johnny Champion for their kind, prompt, professional and sincere assistance to the Grand Jury in all matters pertaining to the fulfillment of the Grand Jury's duties—managing case schedules, preparing materials, scheduling tours and .

guest speakers, enabling a smooth processing of payroll for the Grand Jury, and ensuring the Grand Jury's needs were well-met in-service (including refreshments of coffee and water, as well as the comfort of the Grand Jury's room temperature). We thank them for their kindness, sincere concern for, and detailed attending to the members of the Grand Jury's needs.

PRESENTMENT NO. 3

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, wish to express our gratitude to Ms. Patty Baker, Clerk of the Superior Court, for providing resumes and all necessary information for the Grand Jury to wisely consider and to reappoint Mr. J. Michael Byrd of Post 4, Ms. Nancy K. Martin of Post 3, and to appoint Mr. Robert Morrison to the Post at Large with the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Board.

The May 2011 Grand Jury also wishes to thank Mr. Thomas A. Heard and Mr. Gary Winchester of the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Board for taking time out of their busy schedules to share insights and to enhance the Grand Jury's understanding of the needs pertinent to the aforementioned Board, in order for the Grand Jury to thoroughly assess and to wisely appoint members to serve therein.

PRESENTMENT NO. 4

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, wish to express our deepest respect for and sincere gratitude to the officers and members of the Cherokee County Law Enforcement and Emergency-Response Agencies—encompassing all those of the Holly Springs, Canton, and Woodstock districts. Their tireless service and dedicated perseverance to preserve the safety of this county's citizens is greatly appreciated. Additionally, we wish to thank Sheriff Roger Garrison for his excellence and integrity in leadership of these officers and law enforcement agencies within Cherokee County. Each public servant displays professionalism, wisdom, humility, courage, and selflessness in service, as each performs his duties in protecting Cherokee County's citizens.

PRESENTMENT NO. 5

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, wish to express our thanks to and sincere appreciation for Phil Price, his solid leadership and direction of the Cherokee County Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS); and all the agents of CMANS, for your detailed, sound investigations and courageous, selfless work in protecting Cherokee County and its citizens against the significant drug challenges, which threaten their safety. We wish to thank kindly both Phil Price and all the CMANS agents for taking time out of their busy schedules to educate and to enable the members of this Grand Jury to understand and to wisely discern case elements, to fulfill our duties as Grand Jurors.

PRESENTMENT NO. 6

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, wish to express our utmost respect to, appreciation and gratitude for Major Karen Johnson, Captain Hill, and Sergeant Harris for their outstanding supervision over and leadership of the care, discipline, and directing of the inmates and pertinent matters in the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. We wish to thank these officers and staff for scheduling time in July 2011 to give members of this Grand Jury a tour of the facilities, rendering us a deeper understanding of the field in which they serve our County, and a solid respect for the risks and sacrifices they make to ensure our citizens' safeties, as well as the proper care of the inmates in the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center. We also wish to thank Major Johnson and her staff for answering our questions clearly and for kindly providing the lunch for members of this Grand Jury, prior to our touring of the Adult Detention Center's facilities. Major Johnson, her officers and staff do an excellent, professional work, for which they are to be highly commended; and for which, we all are deeply grateful.

PRESENTMENT NO. 7

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Joe Satterfield and his staff, for their insightful presentation and tour of the Cherokee County's Homeland Security Emergency Management Center, in July 2011. We also wish to both thank and commend director, Mr. Robby Westbrook, and his staff for their warm welcome on our tour, and for their excellent service to the citizens of Cherokee County, especially provided in times of emergencies and disasters. This state-of-the-art facility and personnel are truly well-prepared to handle emergency crises and render prompt assistance both in Cherokee County and to its citizens.

PRESENTMENT NO. 8

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, wish to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Chris Collett and his staff for kindly answering questions and giving in July 2011 members of this Grand Jury a tour of the Cherokee County 911-Call Center. He and his staff serve tirelessly and do excellent work in operating the Call Center and assisting local emergency agencies and citizens of Cherokee County in emergency situations.

PRESENTMENT NO. 9

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, wish to thank Mr. Thomas J. Heard and his staff at the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority for kindly providing transportation to and from, lunch at, and a detailed tour of the Water and Sewerage Authority facilities, in August 2011. The Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority's excellence in ethics and provision of services for Cherokee County residents are highly-commended.

PRESENTMENT NO. 10

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, recommend the reappointment of the following persons to positions of service on the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Board: Mr. J. Michael Byrd to Post 4, and Ms. Nancy K. Martin to Post 3.

PRESENTMENT NO. 11

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, also recommend the appointment of the following person to the position of service on the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Board: Mr. Robert Morrison to the Post at Large.

PRESENTMENT NO. 12

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, recommend that on the first day of citizens' reporting for Grand Jury duty, after the selecting of the 23 Grand Jurors, that a brief detailing of duties for positions of Foreperson and Clerk be presented to the chosen members of the Grand Jury. This opportunity ensures the members of the Grand Jury sound understanding of roles and responsibilities of the aforementioned positions, enabling the Grand Jurors to render a wise, swift appointing of persons from amongst themselves to those roles of leadership in that appointed term of duty on the Grand Jury.

PRESENTMENT NO. 13

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, recommend the inclusion of a section in the Grand Jury Handbook, defining additional terms and definitions, agencies and brief descriptions of various items and entities with which the Grand Jury will become acquainted, during its term of service. (For example, "Pipe," "CMANS," "Schedule 4 Substance," "Anna Crawford," "DFACS," "ICE," "GBI," "FBI," "GCIC," etc.) This opportunity better equips and well-orientes the members of the Grand Jury of the other terminology pertinent to their understanding of cases, in order for them to render sound indictments of cases as true-bills or no-bills.

PRESENTMENT NO. 14

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, recommend the making of future Grand Jurors aware of high-priority cases, needing to be heard promptly, due to time constraints, so as to ensure high-priority cases are heard in a timely manner, and so that the investigator(s) and witness(es) are able to not only perform their duties in Grand Jury, but also return to

and attend to their other required and perhaps otherwise pressing duties outside the court room, in a timely manner.

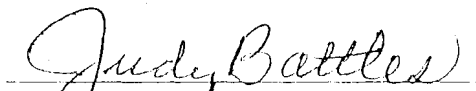
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We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, recommend rendering to the future Grand Jurors a list and brief description of Cherokee County agencies (CMANS, Anna Crawford Center, Women's Violence Shelter, Coroner's Office, etc.) which the Grand Jury may either tour or invite guest speakers of, to share about the represented-agencies and roles in the community.

PRESENTMENT NO. 16

We, the May 2011 Grand Jury, recommend it be considered that for the second day of duty of each month (Tuesday) be a required, educational day, if no other cases at present are to be presented. In such circumstances, this Grand Jury recommends that the future Grand Juries be granted the opportunity to not only fulfill their duties in touring required facilities, but also to be educated on the various other Cherokee County agencies and their services available to the citizens of Cherokee County. This opportunity could very-well enhance awareness in the community of available services and protocol for emergency situations.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of August, 2011.


MS. JUDY BATTLES,
GRAND JURY FOREMAN

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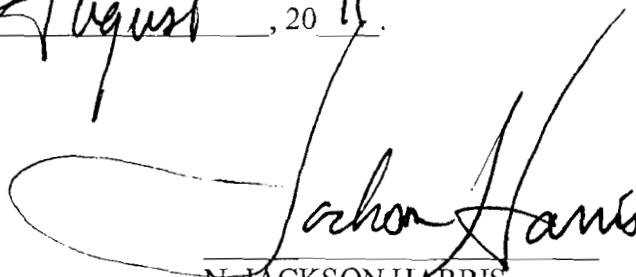
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ORDER

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 the Order, be sent to the Cherokee Tribune and Radio Station WLJA for publication and the usual fees paid thereon.

This the 15th day of August, 2011.



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