

Superior Court Minutes  
Honorable J. Grady Blanchard, Judge Presiding  
Jury Trial  
Tuesday, August 27, 2024  
Courtroom I  
Court Reporter: Melissa Ewest  
Assistant District Attorneys: Kelly Weathers & Daniel Welsh  
Deputy Clerk: Sharon Long

9:38 a.m. Court is in session.

9:39 a.m. The following case announces ready for jury trial.

Case number: 2024CR0325

The State

Vs.

Shalamar Bridges, Defendant

State of Georgia is represented by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Weathers.  
Defendant is represented by Attorney Hunter Alexander.

9:43 a.m. The following jurors enter the courtroom.

1. James Arthur Willson, II
2. Sean Anderson Carraway
3. Melvin Moreland, II
4. Crystal Lynn Kincade
5. Shayna Marie Harris
6. Melissa Criss Wilkes
7. Lauren Leigh Pettyjohn
8. Christopher Merz Link
9. Robert Charles Thomason
10. Rashawn Mann Blakeney
11. Johnny Edward Lee, IV
12. Kevin Walsh Herfurth
13. Irene Sevilla Genest
14. John Joseph Young
15. Jessica Galvin
16. Johna Meadows Thompson
17. Faiz A Hoosain
18. Luke Eric Lucas
19. Patrick Ross Herman

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20. Eric Wendell Leiden
21. Sheryl Jackson Moore
22. John Hilbert Dowdy, Jr.
23. Miranda E Swint
24. Joseph Andrew Crawford
25. Joseph Russell Fiveash
26. Matthew Joseph Rinaudo
27. Matthew Phillip Redden
28. Alison McNeill Gibbs
29. Rheagan Elaina Stevens
30. Quanise Adail Cummings-Story

9:45 a.m. Judge Blanchard administers oath to jurors.

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9:46 a.m. Judge gives preliminary information to jurors.

9:50 a.m. Judge administers voir dire oath to jurors.

9:50 a.m. Attorneys introduce themselves to the jurors.

9:54 a.m. Judge read the accusation to the jurors.

9:59 a.m. Juror #11 – Johnny Edward Lee, IV is excused for cause.

9:59 a.m. Judge qualifies the jurors.

10:00 a.m. Juror gives answers off of jury information sheet.

10:15 a.m. Attorney Kelly Weathers begins voir dire on behalf of the state.

10:47 a.m. Attorney Hunter Alexander begins voir dire on behalf of the defendant.

10:52 a.m. Voir Dire is concluded.

10:52 a.m. Jurors exit the courtroom.

10:54 a.m. Individual voir dire begins.

10:57 a.m. Juror #10- Rashawn Mann Blakeney is excused for cause.

10:58 a.m. Court is in recess.

11:16 a.m. Court is back in session.

11:18 a.m. Jury is selected using the silent method.

11:26 a.m. Selected jurors enter the courtroom.

Deputy Clerk publishes the jury.

Impaneled jurors are:

1. James Arthur Willson, II
2. Sean Anderson Carraway
3. Melvin Moreland, II

4. Melissa Criss Wilkes
5. Lauren Leigh Pettyjohn
6. Christopher Merz Link
7. Robert Charles Thomason – Alt. 1

11:27 a.m. Court is in recess for lunch.

12:54 p.m. Court is back in session.

12:59 p.m. Jury enters the courtroom.

12:59 p.m. Judge Blanchard administers oath to jury.  
Judge gives preliminary instructions to jury.

1:12 p.m. Assistant District Attorney Kelly Weathers begins opening statements on behalf of the state.

1:20 p.m. Attorney Hunter Alexander begins opening statements on behalf of the defendant.

1:26 p.m. Jury exits the courtroom.  
Matters are discussed outside the presence of the jury.

1:31 p.m. Jury enters the courtroom.

1:32 p.m. Assistant District Attorney Kelly Weathers begins presenting her case on behalf of the state.

1:34 p.m. Jury exits the courtroom.  
Matters are discussed outside the presence of the jury.

1:38 p.m. Jury enters the courtroom.  
Testimony continues.

2:23 p.m. Jury exits the courtroom.  
Matters are discussed outside the presence of the jury.

2:32 p.m. Court is in recess.

2:37 p.m. Court is back in session.

2:38 p.m. Jury enters the courtroom.  
Testimony continues.

3:17 p.m. The state rests.

3:17 p.m. Jury exits the courtroom.  
Court conducts charge conference.

3:51 p.m. Jury enters the courtroom.

3:52 p.m. Defense rests without calling any witnesses.

3:52 p.m.	Attorney Hunter Alexander delivers closing arguments on behalf of the defendant.
4:00 p.m.	Assistant District Attorney Kelly Weathers delivers closing arguments on behalf of the state.
4:06 p.m.	Judge Blanchard charges the jury.
4:21 p.m.	Jury exits the courtroom for deliberating.
4:22 p.m.	Court is in recess.
4:46 p.m.	Court is back in session.
4:48 p.m.	Jury enters the courtroom.
4:50 p.m.	Deputy clerk publishes the verdict.
4:50 p.m.	Jury exits the courtroom.
	Court will sentence defendant Thursday morning 08/29/2024.
4:53 p.m.	Court is adjourned.