

Superior Court Minutes
Honorable J. Grady Blanchard, Judge Presiding
Jury Trial
Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Courtroom I
Court Reporter: Ashlyn Vest
Assistant District Attorneys: Daniel Welsh & Kristi Connell
Deputy Clerk: Sharon Long
Assistant Deputy Clerk: Ashton Tampling

9:00 a.m. Court is in session.
Court discusses pre-trial matters.

9:12 a.m. Judge qualifies translator.

9:24 a.m. Court is in recess.

10:15 a.m. Court is back in session.
Court continues discussing pre-trial matters.

10:25 a.m. Court is in recess.

10:30 a.m. Court is back in session.
Assistant District Attorney Kristi Connell puts the State's offer on the record.

10:38 a.m. Court discusses pre-trial matters.

10:47 a.m. Court Swears in the interpreter.

10:48 a.m. The following case announces ready for jury trial.
Case number: 2024CR0404
State of Georgia
Vs.
Reza Rahaeimehr, Defendant

State of Georgia is represented by Assistant District Attorney Daniel Welsh & Kristi Connell.

Defendant is represented by Attorney Michelle R. Harrison-Medlin & Tianna M. Bias.

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10:49 a.m. The following jurors enter the courtroom.

1. Bartley Portwood, Sr.
2. John Lloyd
3. Kayla Arellanes
4. Charles Buman, II
5. Todd Kettler
6. Connor Wells
7. Denise Stanley
8. Scott Plunk
9. Tahnee Boesel
10. Benjamin Herrington
11. Julie McDonald
12. Ramon Lopez
13. Megan Escoto
14. Shelby Howard
15. Nakia Thompkins
16. Tanya Lorenzi
17. Michaela Jordan
18. Kimberly Williford
19. William James, III
20. Tyler Gray
21. Ryan Cail
22. Linward Jackson, Jr.
23. Sean Davis
24. Kiffany Huff
25. Christopher Murphey
26. Anna Waddell
27. Abraham Pacheco
28. Ruth Graupera-Frain
29. James Sizemore
30. Brigitte Koye
31. Amanda Barbour
32. Britt Stephens
33. Gary Cowden
34. Jessica Sheldon
35. Laura Puryear
36. Chelsea Smith
37. Alison Hixon
38. Turner Highfield
39. Scott Kirchhoff
40. Jared Harper
41. Charles Bateman
42. Atul Sinha
43. Angela Mackey
44. Joseph Price
45. Milton Birdsong

10:51 a.m. Judge Blanchard administers oath to jurors.
Judge Blanchard administers oath to bailiffs.

10:52 a.m. Judge Blanchard gives preliminary instructions to jurors.

10:57 a.m. Judge Blanchard administers voir dire oath.
Attorneys introduce themselves.

11:03 a.m. Judge Blanchard reads the indictment.

11:09 a.m. Judge Blanchard qualifies the jury.

11:09 a.m. Jurors give information about themselves.

11:30 a.m. Attorney Kristi Connell begins voir dire on behalf of the state.

11:42 a.m. Attorney Michelle R. Harrison-Medlin begins voir dire on behalf of the defendant.

11:51 a.m. Jury exits the courtroom.

11:53 a.m. Individual voir dire begins.

12:09 p.m. The following jurors were excused for cause.
Juror #1 - Bartley Portwood, Sr.
Juror #9 - Tahnee Boesel
Juror #16 - Tanya Lorenzi
Juror # 42 - Atul Sinha

12:10 p.m. Court is in recess.

12:35 p.m. Court is back in session.

12:38 p.m. Jury is selected using the silent method outside the presence of the jury.

1:17 p.m. Selected jurors enter the courtroom.

1:19 p.m. Assistant deputy clerk publishes the jury.
Impaneled jurors are:

1. John Lloyd
2. Kayla Arellanes
3. Ramon Lopez
4. Megan Escoto
5. Shelby Howard
6. Nakia Thompkins
7. Michaela Jordan
8. Linward Jackson, Jr.
9. Abraham Pacheco
10. James Sizemore
11. Brigitte Koye
12. Britt Stephens

Alt. 1. Jessica Sheldon
Alt. 2. Alison Hixon

1:20 p.m.	Jury exits the courtroom.
1:21 p.m.	Court discusses matters outside the presence of the jury.
1:22 p.m.	Court is adjourned.