

Superior Court Minutes  
Honorable Sheryl B. Jolly, Judge Presiding  
Jury Trial / Sentencing  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
Courtroom II  
Court Reporter: Brittany Haskell  
Assistant District Attorney: Amber Brantley  
Deputy Clerk: Lacie Brassell

- 9:20 a.m. Court is in session.
- 9:33 a.m. Court conducts pre-trial motion
- 9:39 a.m. Court conducts status hearing
- 9:50 a.m. The following case announces ready for jury trial.  
Case number: 2025CR0040  
State of Georgia, Plaintiff  
Vs.  
Rubicel Castro-Cruz, Defendant  
  
State of Georgia is represented by Assistant District Attorney Amber Brantley.  
Defendant is represented by Attorney Jeffrey Manciangli.
- 9:54 a.m. The following jurors enter the courtroom.
1. Justin Lane Blue
  2. Jennifer Claudia Smith
  3. Michael Paul Rich
  4. Richard Harve Burrows Jr
  5. Pamela R Braid
  6. John B Story Jr
  7. Jimmie Ray Hutchinson
  8. Phyllis L Kelly
  9. Michael Brandon King
  10. Andrew Heins McManus
  11. Curtis Elliott Oxendine
  12. Michael E Branch
  13. Austin Nathaniel Myers
  14. Brittany Kay Hurd
  15. Abbey Elizabeth Melvin
  16. Andrew Cameron Chalker
  17. Joseph Patterson Gibbs III
  18. Laurie Seidel Fisher
  19. Justin Wayne Carter

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20. Vicki Rickerson Wingo
21. Jon Michael Zumbro
22. Thomas Riegenbach
23. Catherine Richardson
24. Thomas Eric Toler
25. Jessica Nicole Towns
26. Jennifer Morgan Bateman
27. Freddy Arturo De Lima
28. Crystal Marsh Allen
29. Taylor Leigh McChesney
30. Jeremy Adam Batchelor
31. Ronald Carl Burkart
32. Jason Matthew Holland
33. Rebecca Pierson
34. Jodie Louise Akins
35. Matthew Roy Scott
36. Liliana Jenice Lee
37. Malarie McKenzie Steedley
38. Estere P Painson
39. Kali Amin Stevens Jr
40. William Louis Ghant Jr

- 9:55 a.m. Judge Jolly administers Oath to Jurors.
- 9:56 a.m. Judge Jolly administers Oath to Bailiffs.
- 9:57 a.m. Judge Jolly administers voir dire oath to Jurors.
- 9:59 a.m. Judge Jolly reads the indictment to the Jurors.
- 10:02 a.m. Judge Jolly gives preliminary instructions.
- 10:11 a.m. Judge Jolly qualifies the jurors.
- 10:13 a.m. Court is in recess.
- 10:16 a.m. Court is back in session.
- 10:20 a.m. Individual voir dire begins.
- 10:38 a.m. Court is in recess.  
Jurors exit the courtroom.
- 10:56 a.m. Jurors enter into the courtroom.  
Court is back in session.
- 10:58 a.m. Assistant District Attorney Amber Brantley begins voir dire on behalf of the state.
- 11:19 a.m. Attorney Jeffrey Manciangli begins voir dire on behalf of the defendant.
- 11:22 a.m. Jurors exit the courtroom.

Court hears matters outside of the jurors.

- 11:28 a.m. Jurors enter the courtroom.  
Attorney Jeffrey Manciangli continues voir dire on behalf of the defendant.
- 11:38 a.m. Juror #'s 1, 2, 3, 14, 18, 27, 36, and 40 are selected for individual voir dire.
- 11:43 a.m. Juror # 1 – Justin Lane Blue is excused for cause.
- 11:52 a.m. Juror # 27 – Freddy Arturo De Lima is excused for cause.
- 12:08 p.m. Jury enters the courtroom.
- 12:10 p.m. Jury is selected using the silent method.
- 12:33 p.m. Deputy Clerk publishes the jury.

Impaneled Jurors are:

1. Jennifer Claudia Smith
2. John B Story Jr
3. Curtis Elliott Oxendine
4. Laurie Seidel Fisher
5. Justin Wayne Carter
6. Jon Michael Zumbro
7. Catherine Richardson
8. Thomas Eric Toler
9. Jessica Nicole Towns
10. Jennifer Morgan Bateman
11. Taylor Leigh McChesney
12. Jason Matthew Holland
13. Rebecca Pierson Alt. 1

- 12:34 p.m. Jurors not selected exit courtroom and are excused.
- 12:36 p.m. Jury has left the courtroom.  
Matters on conducted outside of the jury.
- 12:42 p.m. Jury enters the courtroom.
- 12:43 p.m. Judge Jolly gives preliminary trial instructions.
- 12:48 p.m. Jurors exit the courtroom and are excused until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.
- 12:48 p.m. Court is in recess until 2:00 p.m.
- 2:10 p.m. Court is in session.
- 2:10 p.m. Court conducts sentencing and bond modification.
- 4:10 p.m. Court is adjourned.