

Superior Court Minutes
Honorable J. Grady Blanchard, Judge Presiding
Jury Trial
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Courtroom I
Court Reporter: Ashlyn Vest
Assistant District Attorneys: Daniel Welsh & Kristi Connell
Deputy Clerk: Ashton Tampling

9:00 a.m. Court is in session.

The following case announces ready for jury trial.
Case number: 2024CR1461
State of Georgia
Vs.
Sherman Curtis North, Jr.

State is represented by Assistant District Attorney Daniel Welsh.

Defendant is represented by Attorney Hunter Alexander.

Defendant has decided to take a plea.

9:01 a.m. Sentencing begins.

9:13 a.m. Court is in recess.

9:30 a.m. Court is in session.

The following case announces ready for jury trial.

Case number: 2024CR0258
State of Georgia
Vs.
Jamal Nathaniel Garnett, Defendant

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

Defendant is represented by Attorney Hunter Alexander.

9:31 a.m. Assistant District Attorney Kristie Connell puts the offer on the record.

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9:38 a.m. The following jurors enter the courtroom.

1. Kent Kronowski
2. Paul Mainor, Jr.
3. Steven Hirth
4. Sandra Shirah
5. Mackenzie Reynolds
6. Peggy Hopkins
7. Kathleen Hernlen
8. Randall Cline
9. Joyce Rabb
10. Rudy Rosado
11. Tonya Pope
12. Agustin Martinez, Jr.
13. Melissa Arensman
14. Lisa Wagner
15. Jeffrey Lacombe
16. Toni Pankonin
17. Angelica Foster
18. Jennifer Parker
19. Kelly Dixon
20. Cail Dixon
21. Maxine Murdaugh
22. Sandra Bannister
23. Michelle Wimpey
24. Stephanie Hill
25. Kelly Biller
26. Kalie Edwards
27. Rosary Irby
28. Kemberly Carter
29. Michele Badillo
30. Britnie Cheung

9:40 a.m. Judge Blanchard administers oath to jurors.

Judge Blanchard administers oath to bailiffs.

9:41 a.m. Judge Blanchard gives preliminary instructions to jurors.

9:45 a.m. Judge Blanchard administers voir dire oath.

Attorneys introduce themselves.

9:50 a.m. Judge Blanchard reads the indictment.

9:51 a.m. Judge Blanchard qualifies the jury.

9:54 a.m. Jurors give information about themselves.

10:09 a.m. Attorney Kristi Connell begins voir dire on behalf of the state.

10:15 a.m. Attorney Hunter Alexander begins voir dire on behalf of the defendant.

10:16 a.m. Jury exits the courtroom.

10:17 a.m. Individual voir dire begins.

12:09 p.m. The following jurors were excused for cause.
Juror #21- Maxine Murdaugh

10:23 a.m. Court is in recess.

10:44 a.m. Jury is selected using the silent method outside the presence of the jury.

10:46 a.m. Court is back in session.

10:55 a.m. Selected jurors enter the courtroom.

10:56 a.m. Deputy clerk publishes the jury.
Impaneled jurors are:

1. Steven Hirth
2. Peggy Hopkins
3. Randall Cline
4. Joyce Rabb
5. Rudy Rosado
6. Agustin Martinez, Jr.

Alt. 1. Melissa Arensman

10:56 a.m. Judge administers oath to jury.

10:57 a.m. Judge Blanchard gives preliminary instructions to the jury.

11:10 a.m. Assistant District Attorney Kristi Connell delivers her opening statements on behalf of the state.

11:16 a.m. Attorney Hunter Alexander delivers his opening statements on behalf of the defendant.

11:18 a.m. Assistant District Attorney Kristi Connell begins presenting her case on behalf of the state.

11:43 a.m. Assistant District Attorney Kristi Connell rest her case on behalf of the state.

11:43 a.m. Jury exits the courtroom.
Court takes up matters outside the presence of the jury.

11:54 a.m. Jury enters the courtroom.

11:55 a.m. Attorney Hunter Alexander rest his case on behalf of the defendant.
Jury exits the courtroom.

11:56 a.m. Court takes up matters outside the presence of the jury.

12:00 p.m.	Court begins charge conference.
	Court is in recess.
1:54 p.m.	Court is in session.
1:59 p.m.	Jury enters the courtroom.
2:00 p.m.	State waives first closing arguments.
	Attorney Hunter Alexander delivers closing arguments on behalf of the defense.
2:03 p.m.	Assistant District Attorney Kristi Connell delivers closing arguments on behalf of the state.
2:07 p.m.	Judge Blanchard charges the jury.
2:23 p.m.	Jury exits the courtroom for deliberations.
	Court is in recess.
3:03 p.m.	Court is back in session.
3:04 p.m.	Jury enters the courtroom.
	Jury has reached a verdict.
3:05 p.m.	Deputy Clerk publishes the verdict.
3:05 p.m.	Court is adjourned.