

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA



IN RE:)
SPECIAL PURPOSE GRAND JURY)

2022-EX-000024

Judge Robert C. I. McBurney

CERTIFICATE OF MATERIAL WITNESS
PURSUANT TO UNIFORM ACT TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE
OF WITNESSES FROM WITHOUT THE STATE,
CODIFIED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AS
O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90 ET SEQ.

Upon the petition of Fani T. Willis, District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, pursuant to the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Without the State, codified at O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90 et seq., the Court issues the following Certificate under seal of this Court, and further says as follows:

1. A Special Purpose Grand Jury investigation commenced in Fulton County, Georgia, by order of this Court on May 2, 2022. *See* Order Impaneling Special Purpose Grand Jury Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-100, et seq., “**Exhibit A**”. The Special Purpose Grand Jury is authorized to investigate any and all facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to possible attempts to disrupt the lawful administration of the 2020 elections in the State of Georgia. *See* Letter Requesting Special Purpose Grand Jury, “**Exhibit B**”.
2. Based on the representations made by the State in the attached “Petition for Certification of Need for Testimony Before Special Purpose Grand Jury Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90 et seq.”, the Court finds that Kenneth Chesebro, born June 5,

1961, (hereinafter, “the Witness”) is a necessary and material witness to the Special Purpose Grand Jury investigation. The Court further finds that the Witness currently resides at 230 Central Park South PH16, New York, NY 10019-1409.

3. Based on the representations made by the State in the attached “Petition for Certification of Need for Testimony Before Special Purpose Grand Jury Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90 et seq.”, the Court finds that the Witness was an attorney working with the Trump Campaign’s legal efforts seeking to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere. As part of those efforts, the Witness worked with the leadership of the Georgia Republican Party, including Chairman David Shafer, in the weeks after the November 2020 election in Georgia, at the direction of the Trump Campaign. This work included the coordination and execution of a plan to have 16 individuals meet at the Georgia State Capitol on December 14, 2020, to cast purported electoral college votes in favor of former President Donald Trump, even though none of those 16 individuals had been ascertained as Georgia’s certified presidential electors by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp. The Witness drafted at least two memoranda in support of this plan, which were provided to the Georgia Republican Party, and the Witness provided template Microsoft Word documents to be used by the Georgia Republican Party at its meeting on December 14, 2020. Further, the Witness indicated in communications with the Georgia Republican Party that he had worked directly with Trump Campaign attorney Rudy Giuliani as part of the coordination and execution of the plan.
4. Based on the representations made by the State in the attached “Petition for Certification of Need for Testimony Before Special Purpose Grand Jury Pursuant to

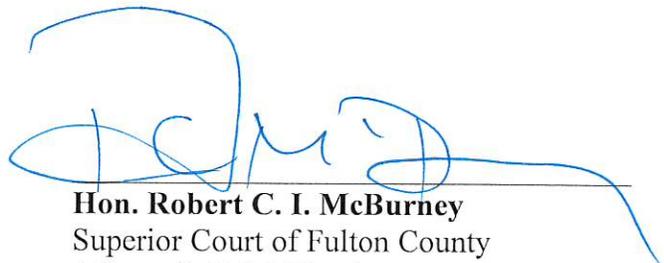
O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90 et seq.”, the Court finds that the Witness, as an attorney working with the Trump Campaign who was directly involved in the coordination and planning of the December 14, 2020, meeting held by the Georgia Republican Party to cast purported electoral college votes in favor of former President Donald Trump, is a necessary and material witness in this investigation. The Witness possesses unique knowledge concerning the coordination and execution of the meeting and communications between himself, others involved in the planning and execution of the meeting, the Trump Campaign, and other known and unknown individuals involved in the multi-state, coordinated efforts to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere. Finally, the Witness’s anticipated testimony is essential in that it is likely to reveal additional sources of information regarding the subject of this investigation.

5. The testimony of the Witness will not be cumulative of any other evidence in this matter.
6. The Witness will be required to be in attendance and testify before the Special Purpose Grand Jury on July 12, 2022, and continuing through and until the conclusion of the Witness’s testimony on or before August 31, 2022, at the Superior Court of Fulton County, Fulton County Courthouse, 136 Pryor Street, 3rd Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.
7. The Office of the Fulton County District Attorney, in and for the State of Georgia, will pay all reasonable and necessary travel expenses and witness fees required to secure the Witness’s attendance and testimony, in accordance with O.C.G.A. §24-13-90 et seq.

8. The Witness shall be given protection from arrest and from service of civil or criminal process, both within this State and in any other state through which the Witness may be required to pass in the ordinary course of travel, for any matters which arose before the Witness's entrance into this State and other states, while traveling to and from this Court for the purpose of testifying for this case.
9. The State of Georgia is a participant in a reciprocal program providing for the securing of witnesses to testify in foreign jurisdictions which likewise provide for such methods of securing witnesses to testify in their courts.
10. This Certificate is made for the purpose of being presented to a judge of the Supreme Court of New York (Manhattan), by the Manhattan District Attorney or his duly authorized representative, who is proceeding at the request and on behalf of the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney to compel the Witness to be in attendance and testify before the Special Purpose Grand Jury on July 12, 2022, and continuing through and until the conclusion of the Witness's testimony on or before August 31, 2022, at the Superior Court of Fulton County, Fulton County Courthouse, 136 Pryor Street, 3rd Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL as a judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County,
Georgia,

This the 1st day of July, 2022.

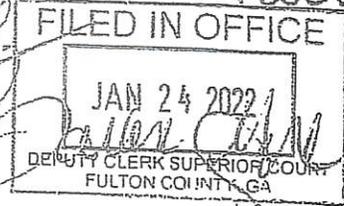


Hon. Robert C. I. McBurney
Superior Court of Fulton County
Atlanta Judicial Circuit
State of Georgia

Exhibit A

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL PURPOSE
GRAND JURY



ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE
GRAND JURY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §15-12-100, et seq.

The District Attorney for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit submitted to the judges of the Superior Court of Fulton County a request to impanel a special purpose jury for the purposes set forth in that request. This request was considered and approved by a majority of the total number of the judges of this Court, as required by O.C.G.A. §15-12-100(b).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a special purpose grand jury be drawn and impaneled to serve as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-12-62.1, 15-12-67, and 15-12-100, to commence on May 2, 2022, and continuing for a period not to exceed 12 months. Such period shall not include any time periods when the supervising judge determines that the special purpose grand jury cannot meet for safety or other reasons, or any time periods when normal court operations are suspended by order of the Supreme Court of Georgia or the Chief Judge of the Superior Court. The special purpose grand jury shall be authorized to investigate any and all facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to alleged violations of the laws of the State of Georgia, as set forth in the request of the District Attorney referenced herein above.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-101(a), the Honorable Robert C. I. McBurney is hereby assigned to supervise and assist the special purpose grand jury, and shall charge said special purpose grand jury and receive its reports as provided by law.

This authorization shall include the investigation of any overt acts or predicate acts relating to the subject of the special purpose grand jury's investigative purpose. The special purpose grand jury, when making its presentments and reports, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-12-71 and 15-12-101, may make recommendations concerning criminal prosecution as it shall see fit. Furthermore, the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-12-83 shall apply.

This Court also notes that the appointment of a special purpose grand jury will permit the time, efforts, and attention of the regular grand jury(ies) impaneled in this Circuit to continue to be devoted to the consideration of the backlog of criminal matters that has accumulated as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County.

SO ORDERED, THIS 24 DAY OF January, 2022.

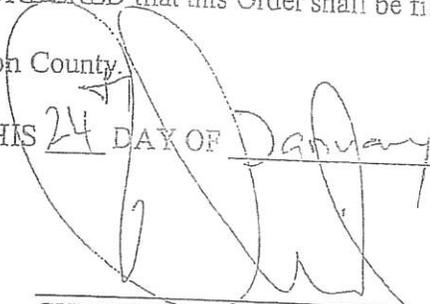

CHRISTOPHER S. BRASHER, CHIEF JUDGE
Superior Court of Fulton County
Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Exhibit B

OFFICE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
136 PRYOR STREET SW, 3RD FLOOR
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

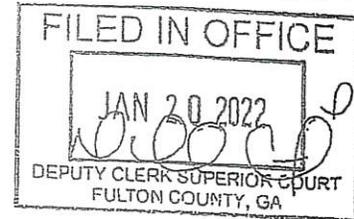
Fani T. Willis
District Attorney



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The Honorable Christopher S. Brasher
Chief Judge, Fulton County Superior Court
Fulton County Courthouse
185 Central Avenue SW, Suite T-8905
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

2022-EX-000017



January 20, 2022

Dear Chief Judge Brasher:

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. Please be advised that the District Attorney's Office has received information indicating a reasonable probability that the State of Georgia's administration of elections in 2020, including the State's election of the President of the United States, was subject to possible criminal disruptions. Our office has also learned that individuals associated with these disruptions have contacted other agencies empowered to investigate this matter, including the Georgia Secretary of State, the Georgia Attorney General, and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, leaving this office as the sole agency with jurisdiction that is not a potential witness to conduct related to the matter. As a result, our office has opened an investigation into any coordinated attempts to unlawfully alter the outcome of the 2020 elections in this state.

We have made efforts to interview multiple witnesses and gather evidence, and a significant number of witnesses and prospective witnesses have refused to cooperate with the investigation absent a subpoena requiring their testimony. By way of example, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, an essential witness to the investigation, has indicated that he will not participate in an interview or otherwise offer evidence until he is presented with a subpoena by my office. Please see Exhibit A, attached to this letter.

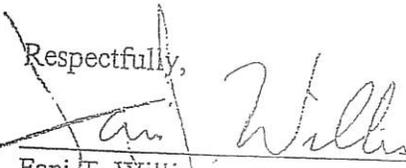
Therefore, I am hereby requesting, as the elected District Attorney for Fulton County, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-100 et. seq., that a special purpose grand jury be impaneled for the purpose of investigating the facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to possible attempts to disrupt the lawful administration of the 2020 elections in the State of Georgia. Specifically, a special purpose grand jury, which will not have the authority to return an indictment but may make recommendations concerning criminal prosecution as it shall see fit, is needed for three reasons: first, a special purpose grand jury can be impaneled by the Court for any time period required in order to accomplish its investigation, which will likely exceed a normal grand jury

term; second, the special purpose grand jury would be empowered to review this matter and this matter only, with an investigatory focus appropriate to the complexity of the facts and circumstances involved; and third, the sitting grand jury would not be required to attempt to address this matter in addition to their normal duties.

Additionally, I am requesting that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-101, a Fulton County Superior Court Judge be assigned to assist and supervise the special purpose grand jury in carrying out its investigation and duties.

I have attached a proposed order impaneling the special purpose grand jury for the consideration of the Court.

Respectfully,


Pani T. Willis

District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Exhibit A: Transcript of October 31, 2021 episode of *Meet the Press* on NBC News at 26:04
(video archived at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B71cBRPgt9k>)

Exhibit B: Proposed Order

cc:

The Honorable Kimberly M. Esmond Adams
The Honorable Jane C. Barwick
The Honorable Rachelle Carnesdale
The Honorable Thomas A. Cox, Jr.
The Honorable Eric Dunaway
The Honorable Charles M. Eaton, Jr.
The Honorable Belinda E. Edwards
The Honorable Kelly Lee Ellerbe
The Honorable Kevin M. Farmer
The Honorable Ural Glanville
The Honorable Shakura L. Ingram
The Honorable Rachel R. Krause
The Honorable Melynee Leftridge
The Honorable Robert C.I. McBurney
The Honorable Henry M. Newkirk
The Honorable Emily K. Richardson
The Honorable Craig L. Schwall, Sr.
The Honorable Paige Reese Whitaker
The Honorable Shermela J. Williams
Fulton County Clerk of Superior Court Cathelene "Tina" Robinson