

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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v.

KENNETH JOHN CHESEBRO;
SIDNEY KATHERINE POWELL, et al.
Defendants.

CASE NO.

23SC188947

**CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM ACT TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF
WITNESSES FROM WITHOUT THE STATE**

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 states as follows:

1. The above-styled matter is specially set for trial beginning October 23, 2023 in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.
2. Defendant Kenneth John Chesebro is charged with one count of Violation of the Georgia RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act, one count of Conspiracy to Commit Impersonating a Public Officer, two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Forgery in the First Degree, two counts of Conspiracy to Commit False Statements and Writings, and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Filing False Documents.
3. Defendant Sidney Katherine Powell is charged with one count of Violation of the Georgia RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act, two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Election Fraud, one count of Conspiracy to Commit Computer

Theft, one count of Conspiracy to Commit Computer Trespass, one count of Conspiracy to Commit Computer Invasion of Privacy, and one count of Conspiracy to Defraud the State.

4. Based on the representations made by the State in the attached “Petition for Certificate of Need for Testimony Before Criminal Prosecution Pursuant to the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from without the State,” the Court finds that Lawrence Tabas, born March 30, 1953, is a necessary and material witness in this prosecution. The Court further finds that Mr. Tabas currently resides in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
5. Based on the representations made by the State in the attached “Petition for Certificate of Need for Testimony Before Criminal Prosecution Pursuant to the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from without the State,” the Court finds that Kenneth John Chesebro and Thomas W. King III were in communication about the logistics of the Trump presidential elector nominees convening and casting false Electoral College votes in Pennsylvania on December 14, 2020. The Court finds that Chesebro provided specific documents and instructions to Thomas W. King III to act on December 14, 2020. The Court further finds that the evidence as represented by the State form the basis of Act 49 of Count 1 of the Indictment in this criminal prosecution. The Court finds that these documents and instructions were forwarded to Lawrence Tabas who was a Trump presidential elector nominee, although he did not end up participating in the December 14, 2020 meeting.
6. Based on the representations made by the State in the attached “Petition for Certificate of Need for Testimony Before Criminal Prosecution Pursuant to the


Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from without the State,” the Court finds that Mr. Tabas, based on the information set forth above, is a necessary and material witness. Mr. Tabas possesses knowledge concerning communications between Chesebro and Thomas W. King III and other known and unknown individuals involved in the multi-state, coordinated efforts to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Pennsylvania, Georgia, and elsewhere.

7. The testimony of Mr. Tabas will not be cumulative of any other evidence in this matter.
8. Mr. Tabas will be required to be in attendance and testify before the trial in this matter commencing on October 23, 2023 in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Fulton County Courthouse, Courtroom 5A, 185 Central Avenue SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The Court notes that the District Attorney reasonably anticipates that Mr. Tabas’ testimony will not exceed one day.
9. 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 Mr. Tabas’ attendance and testimony, in accordance with O.C.G.A. §24-13-90 et seq.
10. Mr. Tabas 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 Mr. Tabas may be required to pass in the ordinary course of travel, for any matters which arose before Mr. Tabas’ entrance into this State and other states, while traveling to and from this Court for the purpose of testifying for this case.

11. 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.
12. This Certificate is made for the purpose of being presented to a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, or any other court of record in Philadelphia County by the Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office, Pennsylvania, or his duly authorized representative, who is proceeding at the request and on behalf of the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney.

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

This the 3 day of October, 2023.



SCOTT MCAFEE
SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT