No. 23-13361

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

SHAWN STILL, Appellant,

v.

STATE OF GEORGIA, Appellee.

On Appeal from the United States District Court For the Northern District of Georgia No. 1:23-cv-03792-SCJ Hon. Steve C. Jones

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE APPEALS

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Shawn Still, Appellant, files this Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement, listing all trial judges, attorneys, persons, associations of persons, firms, partnerships, or corporations that have an interest in the outcome of this case or appeal, including subsidiaries, conglomerates, affiliates, parent corporations, any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of the party's stock, and other identifiable legal entities related to a party, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted, this 17th day of October, 2023.

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NOW COMES Appellant Shawn Still pursuant to Fed R. App. P. 3 and 11th Cir. R. 27-1(c)(4) and moves this Court to consolidate this appeal with the appeals of David Shafer, Case No. 23-13360-B, and Cathleen Latham, Case No. 23-13362, showing this Court as follows:

1. The State of Georgia, and Appellee does not oppose the proposed consolidation of the appeals.

2. On August 14, 2023, a grand jury empaneled in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, returned an indictment against Mr. Still and 18 other defendants, including Ms. Cathleen Latham and Mr. David Shafer (collectively "Appellants"), Georgia Case No. 23SC188947 (Fulton County Superior Court) (the "State Case").

3. Each of Appellants' appeals arise from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia's denial of each Appellant's attempt to remove the State Case to federal court. 4. The hearing in the District Court on the removal notices for each of the Appellants was consolidated into a single hearing, so there is a single transcript for that hearing that is necessary to all three of the currently pending appeals.

5. Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 3 permits the Court to join or consolidate appeals where parties have filed separate appeals. *See* FRAP 3(b)(2). The Clerk of Court is authorized to act for the Court to consolidate appeals from the same district court on an unopposed procedural motion. *See* 11th Cir. R. 27-1(c)(4).

6. The legal issues that will be raised on appeal by the Appellants are the same, and Appellants' factual and legal positions on these issues are aligned.

7. Consolidating these three cases on appeal will serve judicial economy and be more economical and efficient for Appellants and Appellee.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Mr. Still respectfully request that this Court consolidate these three cases for purposes of appeal.¹

Respectfully submitted, this 17th day of October, 2023.

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¹ Each Appellant has filed an appropriate version of this Unopposed Motion to Consolidate with this Court in their pending appeal.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Motion to Consolidate

Appeals complies with the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and this Court's

Rules, including 11th Cir. R 27-1.

This the 17th day of October, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date set forth below, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion to Consolidate Appeals and Certificate of Interested Parties and Corporate Disclosure Statement was filed electronically with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit through the Court's ECF system, which will send notice of this filing to all counsel of record.

This the 17th day of October, 2023.

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