

CHEROKEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

AMENDED GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS

**TO: The Honorable N. Jackson Harris
Chief Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia**

**The Honorable Ellen McElyea
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia**

**The Honorable David L. Cannon, Jr.
Judge, Superior Court
Cherokee County, Georgia**

We, the members of this Grand Jury, chosen and sworn to serve the September 2014 Term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, hereby submit the following report and presentments.

We, the September 2014 Grand Jury, heard 206 bills of indictment and returned 205 true bills and 1 no bill.

PRESENTMENT 1

We, the September 2014, Grand Jury commend District Attorney Shannon Wallace, each of her Assistant District Attorneys and staff members, and each law enforcement officer and investigator associated with the cases brought before this Grand Jury for their professionalism and hard work.

PRESENTMENT 2

We, the September 2014 Grand Jury, commend Superior Court Chief Bailiff Jane Johnson, Bailiff Johnny Champion and Bailiff Fay McCurry and all bailiffs for their diligent assistance in arranging materials for Grand Jury proceedings, managing the schedule for cases to be presented, coordinating Grand Jury payroll, and ensuring that proceedings ran smoothly.

PRESENTMENT 3

We, the September 2014 Grand Jury, sincerely express our thanks to the Honorable David Cannon, Jr., Superior Court Judge, for his professional empanelment of this Grand Jury.

PRESENTMENT 4

We, the September 2014 Grand Jury, commend the Cherokee County Child Fatality Review Committee and the Cherokee County Child Abuse Protocol Committee for their outstanding work and achievement in obtaining state-wide recognition as the 2014 Committee of the Year as well as the 2014 Prevention Committee of the Year. We sincerely express our thanks to Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Ashley Snow for her thorough presentation about these committees and for her dedication and hard-work in her role as the chairman of both of these committees.

PRESENTMENT 5

We, the September 2014 Grand Jury, sincerely express our thanks to the Cherokee County Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS) Commander, Phil Price, for his informative presentation about the surge of methamphetamine and heroin use in Cherokee County, the agency's policy and procedure for agent training, no-knock warrants, the use of flash bang devices, and asset forfeitures. Commander Price advised this Grand Jury that education is the key to informing the younger generation about the harmful effects of buying and selling illegal drugs and noted that the three components of curbing drug use are education, enforcement and treatment. Commander Price explained that CMANS does not use flash bang devices and even though no-knock warrants are allowed under Georgia law, CMANS rarely executes no-knock warrants. Commander Price advised this Grand Jury that CMANS agents routinely far exceeds the minimum training requirements established by the State of Georgia. Commander Price also explained to this Grand Jury the asset forfeiture process and explained how this asset forfeiture money is used in Cherokee County by CMANS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEPTEMBER 2014 GRAND JURY:

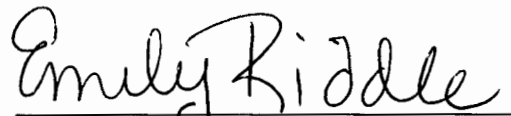
RECOMMENDATION 1:

We, the September 2014 Grand Jury, recommend that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and all departments within Cherokee County government require all leave requests, regardless of the type of leave requested, to be submitted in writing, signed by the requestor, and approved by the signature of the managing supervisor. Each written leave request should specify the type of leave being requested.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

We, the September 2014 Grand Jury, recommend the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners maintain the Bailiff pay at the current rate of \$75.48 per day, maintain the Grand Juror pay at the current rate of \$50.00 per day, and increase the Traverse Juror pay to \$35.00 per day.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of December, 2014.



Emily Riddle
Grand Jury Foreman

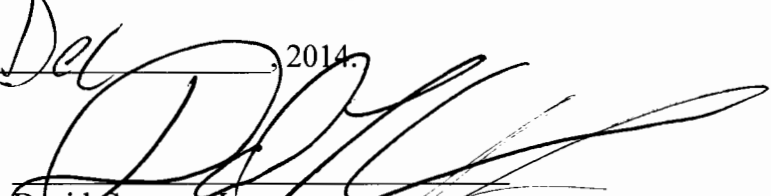
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ORDER

It is ordered that the within and foregoing Grand Jury Presentments having been read and considered, the same be filed.

It is further ordered that a copy of the Presentments along with a copy of this Order be sent to the Cherokee Tribune for publication and the usual fees paid thereon.

This the 9 day of Dec, 2014.



David Cannon, Jr.
Judge, Superior Court
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit