

Men face life in prison for trafficking fentanyl from China

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

ATHENS — Two men pleaded guilty Thursday and are facing a maximum of life in prison for trafficking fentanyl and a new synthetic designer drug from

China into Georgia, one of whom was an inmate directing the operation from behind bars.

Devito Duran Young, also known as "Big" and "Big Man," 46, of Macon State Prison and Marietta, Georgia, pleaded guilty

to one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance. Young faces a maximum sentence of life in prison with a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison and an \$8 million

fine. Trace Davrin Works, 29, of Mableton, Georgia, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl. Works faces a maximum sentence of life in prison with a mandatory minimum of 10 years in

prison and an \$8 million fine.

The defendants pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Tilman E. "Tripp" Self III for the Middle District of Georgia. Their sentencing dates are scheduled for July 8. There

is no parole in the federal system.

"From a Georgia prison, the defendants trafficked fentanyl from China, profiting from the suffering of

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Easter offers hope that one is never 'too far gone'

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

When it comes to Easter, the Christian faith hinges on the resurrection of Jesus. That is the story that will be told in many churches around the world this Sunday.

While many like to celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus Christ, what happened at the cross sets apart Christianity.

"A lot of times at Easter we can think about the colorful clothes and the hunting of the eggs, and those are all wonderful traditions to celebrate," said Connection Church pastor Buck Benton. "But it really is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ that is the foundation of the Christian message. When we think about Easter — or Resurrection Sunday — that is the foundation of the Gospel."

Three days before the resurrection, Jesus was crucified on a cross on a day called "Good Friday."

"We know it's good for us because we know Sunday is coming," Benton said. "For the disciples, it was a sad day. Their leader had died and no matter what he told them what was going to happen, they could not see it coming. It looked like all of their hope was gone and things had been lost. But Good Friday is good for us because that is when the death of our sins happened. Good Friday is integral to the gospel message. It is the foundation of Christianity."

Jesus' death on the cross is our victory, he added.

"It was his death that accomplished our salvation," Benton said. "To be a Christian is to look at the cross and realizing that there is nothing we can do to be made right with God because of our sin. Apart from Christ, I'm just as lost as any person out there on the planet. The only difference is when we realize, and believe in faith, that the real son of God lived a life that we couldn't live and he died a death we deserved on the cross and rose on the third day. When we believe that message by faith, the Bible teaches us that I am right with God because I believe on the one that made me right, and that is Jesus. His death is our victory."

Connection Church moved into its new building this past January. Benton said they are establishing a new normal for their church. He knows there are people in the community who may be going through tough times and are looking for hope.

"That is why we started Connection Church,"



A wall inside the new Connection Church declares, "It's all about Jesus"/PAYTON TOWNS III

Benton said. "We wanted to reach people that no one else is reaching. That is why new churches should start. I tell our congregation all the time, there is no one who is too far gone."

They plan to perform baptisms this Sunday. Benton was reading about a cocaine addict for many years who was invited to church by a friend.

"And Jesus met him powerfully," Benton said. "He wants to be baptized and testify to everyone that Christ has changed his life and taken the desire for the drug away. That is what it is all about, seeing people who maybe are hopeless or feel like they have messed up too much and feel like they are too far gone. Thankfully God's arm is not too short to save anyone. God can meet us where we are as long as we are honest about where we are. It's our need for him that is the prerequisite for God doing a miracle work in our lives."



A cross sits outside the office of Connection Church/PAYTON TOWNS III

SWLE's Rozier named Laurens County teacher of the year

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A Southwest Laurens Elementary School teacher was honored to hear what her students had to say about her in the video presentation during the Laurens County Schools 2026 Teacher of the Year Celebration Breakfast held Wednesday.

Then Superintendent O.J. Hall read her name as the overall winner and a look of shock came over Lekeia Rozier's face.

"I have been teaching for 24 years and I just want to thank the Laurens County family for welcoming me in," Rozier told the crowd gathered inside the Dublin Country Club. "Anybody who knows me knows that teaching is why I am here. It is not the pay because a lot of time this is a thankless job. Just the fact that that video (of student's comments) was enough for me. My kids love me, and I love my kids. They are waiting for me back at school. They are going to be some happy children."

But first, Rozier planned to pull a fast one on them when she returned to the classroom.

"I'm going to give them the biggest April Fool's joke and tell them that I didn't win," she said. "They are waiting to see if I won the district teacher of the year. I'm really excited. I am not much of a speaker. I do bet-



The 2026 Laurens County Teacher of the Year recipients, from left: Jeff Johnson (WLHS), Susan Dailey (NWLE), Sherri Brown (WLMS), Lekeia Rozier (SWLE), Barbara Powell (Crossroads Alternative School), Triste Walker (ELHS), Macy Tanner (ELES), Feleica Harris (ELMS) and Brenda Thomas (ELP)/PAYTON TOWNS III

ter in front of children than adults."

The 2026 Teacher of the Year recipients were: Brenda Thomas (East Laurens Primary School), Macy Tanner (East Laurens Elementary School), Feleica Harris (East Laurens Middle School), Triste Walker (East Laurens High School), Susan Dailey (Northwest Laurens Elementary School), Sherri Brown (West Laurens Middle School), Jeff Johnson (West Laurens High School) and Barbara Powell (Crossroads Alternative School).

Before the announcement was made, videos about each of the teacher of the year recipients were played, showing the teachers in their classrooms and

including comments from their students.

"That was my favorite part," Rozier said. "I am tough on them, but I care about them. I know that all of my students love me."

She knew all of the other teachers enjoyed hearing what their students had to say about them.

"I go to work giving 100 percent, but so do all of the other teachers," Rozier said. "I don't get to see everyone else. I was amazed to see what other teachers and the caliber of what they were doing in their classrooms. The Laurens County School System welcomed me in. Southwest is a humongous school. No. 1, to be chosen as Southwest's teacher of the year was enough. One

thing I think they recognized was my passion."

Though this is her 24th year overall, this is her fourth year at SWLE.

"She is just amazing," said SWLE principal Ed Bland. "She always has a smile on her face, and she is an amazing young lady."

She taught in the Dublin City Schools before coming back to the Laurens County School System. She teaches third grade math, science and social studies.

Rozier always loved children. When she first went to school she wanted to be in pediatrics.

"I learned quick that I had a little thing with blood," she said while laughing. "Now if I see it, I can send them to the nurse."



Laurens County teacher of the year Lekeia Rozier enjoys her plaque — and a new recliner that was part of her prize package /PAYTON TOWNS III

My advisor asked me why I wanted to go into pediatrics and I told her that I really wanted to help kids."

This led her to becoming a teacher. She attended SWLE, WLMS and WLHS.

"All of my teachers were amazing," Rozier said. "They see me now and they still remember me by name. I wanted to be that for another student."

Each teacher of the year recipient was introduced by their respective principals. Reed Waldrep, principal at WLMS, said Brown teaches with her heart.

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OBITUARIES



Joyce Ward Mullis

Joyce Ward Mullis passed away on March 29, 2026, at Savannah Memorial Hospital at the age of 87.

Born on April 6, 1938, in Dexter, Georgia, Joyce lived a life marked by love, kindness, and generosity. She was the daughter of the late Oscar Lamar Ward and Geraldine Knight Ward. She was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, Cecil Wayne Mullis of over 50 years, and her siblings, Ann Mench and Roy L. Ward. Joyce carried herself with grace and warmth throughout her life, and those who knew her will remember her as a sweet soul whose loving spirit touched everyone around her.

Joyce attended Dexter School, graduating in 1956, as Valedictorian of her class. She devoted much of her life to her family, who truly were her world. She is survived by her son, Kehl Mullis and his wife Sharon; her daughters, Kim M. McMillan and her husband Reid, and Karmen Mullis; her grandchildren, Brandi Mullis, Chelsea Stanley and her husband Nathan, Jason McMillan and his wife Julianne, Joshua McMillan and his wife Cynthia, Kate Kavuri, and Sophie Kavuri; and her great-grandchildren, Hayliee McMillan, and Bonnie and Bobby Stanley. Her family was the center of her life, and she found great joy in every gathering, milestone, and creating memories. She was especially known for making traditional holiday meals meaningful and memorable, filling her home with warmth, comfort, and the delicious food that reflected her excellent cooking and her serving heart.

In addition to her role as a devoted wife and loving mother, Joyce held a prominent position for nearly 60 years at Curry Realtors/Insurers, where she served as an Administrative Assistant to the Curry family as well as serving the community directly in her role as a top producing licensed realtor. She also served as Secretary of the Board of Realtors for many years. Her work reflected the same qualities that defined her life outside of her career, including kindness, generosity and a sincere desire to help others.

Joyce was the first woman in Dublin to be licensed by the Real Estate Commission. She was the first woman member of the Dublin Board of Realtors and served as Secretary for over 40 years. Joyce was instrumental in establishing the Dublin Multi-List Service and served as coordinator for this service for over 30 years. Joyce was a lifetime member of the State Million Dollar Club and received the distinguished "Phoenix" Award in 1999. Joyce was recognized as a distinguished citizen of the state of Georgia and named in the state "Who's Who" in Georgia

in 1988 at which time she was presented with a plaque from the state.

A faithful member of Jefferson Street Baptist Church for over 65 years, Joyce found strength in her faith in God, her daily Bible studies and devotions and fellowship within her church community. Her faith and her gentle nature were evident in the way she lived each day. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, and reading, and she embraced life's simple pleasures with gratitude and joy. Whether tending to her garden, exploring new places with her husband, or spending quiet time with a good book, Joyce appreciated the beauty in everyday moments.

Those who knew Joyce will remember her as loving, kind, and generous. She had a way of making others feel welcome and loved, and her presence brought comfort and joy to everyone who knew her. Her legacy lives on in the family she cherished, the friendships she formed, and the countless lives she touched through her compassion and example.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Jefferson Street Baptist Church with a funeral service to begin at 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Rev. Kyle Giddens will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Jason McMillan, Joshua McMillan, Brian Frenress, Nathan Stanley, Brett Ward, and Monty Hester.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, the American Heart Association, or to Jefferson Street Baptist Church.

Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com for service updates and to sign the online memorial register.



Carolyn Ricks Elrod

Carolyn Ricks Elrod, 91, of Buford, Georgia, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and service.

Born in Soperton, Georgia, Carolyn was the cherished daughter of the late Morris and Zelma Ricks. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Morris Ricks and William "Bill" Ricks, and her beloved son, Kevin Elrod. She is survived by her brother, Dale Ricks.

Carolyn was a proud graduate of Mercer University and devoted her life to education as a dedicated school teacher, shaping the lives of countless students with her kindness, patience, and wisdom. She was also a faithful and active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, where she formed many lasting friendships and served her community with compassion and commitment.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, Karen Bolin and Keith Elrod; five grandchildren; seven

great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. Her family was her greatest joy, and she treasured every moment spent with them.

In accordance with Carolyn's wishes, no formal service will be held. She gently asked that each who knew her remember her in their own personal way, for the relationships she cultivated throughout her life were as a field of wildflowers—each one unique, beautiful, and deeply meaningful in its own way. She will be laid to rest in Westview Cemetery beside her parents and brothers, returning to the place of her roots and heritage.

Carolyn will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her warmth, strength, and unwavering faith leave a lasting imprint on the hearts of those she touched.

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Oscar Lee Smith Jr.

Oscar Lee Smith Jr., 59, passed away on March 31, 2026, at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, surrounded by his loving family.

Lee was born on Sept. 17, 1966, in Dublin, Georgia, to the late Oscar Lee Smith Sr. and Joy Smith. He was a hardworking and dedicated man who spent many years working in construction, contributing his skills and strong work ethic to Graham Construction, W.F. Jackson Construction, and Pro Mulch and Grade.

He was a devoted husband, father, brother and friend. Lee is survived by his loving wife, Cathy Jordan Smith; his daughters, Heather and Caylee Smith; his sisters, Marie and Cherie Smith; his brother-in-law Jim (Debbie) Jordan of Harlem; his niece Crissy (Dan) Veal; his nephews Justin (Chelsea) Chafin and Josh (Ashley) Chafin, as well as many friends and coworkers who will cherish his memory.

Lee was preceded in death by his father, Oscar Lee Smith Sr., and his mother, Joy Smith.

He loved working outdoors, going to the beach, and spending time with his loved ones. He will be remembered as a strong man who fought a long battle with courage and resilience. Though he is no longer with us, we find comfort in knowing that he is now healed and at peace with our Lord and Savior.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026 at the funeral home.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel has charge of funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit www.stanleyfuneralhome.com.



Confederate monument preservation bill voted down by Georgia house

By MARK NIESSE
Capital Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The Georgia House narrowly defeated a bill Tuesday that sought to protect Confederate monuments, a proposal that opponents said glorified the South's defense of slavery in the Civil War.

The legislation would have allowed anyone to sue over the removal or damage of monuments, and groups such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans would have been able to continue publicly displaying monuments after local governments voted to relocate them.

Several Georgia cities have taken down Confederate monuments in recent years, often in response to repeated vandalism. Those monuments are then moved or put in storage.

Rep. Tanya Miller, D-Atlanta, said legislators should be embarrassed for celebrating the history of slavery.

"We should all be saddened and ashamed of ourselves. We're not talking about a war. We're talking about centuries of mass murder," Miller said. "We are still waging wars with the ghosts of the past and a war that was lost — lost for the purpose of treating men and women and babies as human beings."

Rep. Alan Powell, R-Hartwell, said the bill

was a way to remember soldiers who died in wars and are memorialized in stone.

"You can't deny history. You need to know where your history is, so you'd never repeat the mistakes," Powell said. "There's nothing I know of that's a greater sin than the institution of slavery. If you don't want the monuments, here's a pathway to move them."

Critics of Senate Bill 175 objected to giving any individual or group the right to sue over monuments, potentially leading to costly court fights and delays while monuments remain on display. Local governments would have been liable for damages if they lost those lawsuits.

The Georgia Court of Appeals ruled last year that Gwinnett County had sovereign immunity against a lawsuit by the Sons of Confederate Veterans over the removal of a monument in downtown Lawrenceville.

The legislation also would have required local governments to give 90 days' notice before they remove or relocate a monument. During that time, anyone could petition to

take possession of the monument for public display.

Democrats universally opposed the bill, and it fell short because a handful of Republicans voted no or skipped the vote. SB 175 failed 89-73, two votes fewer than a majority needed for it to pass in the 180-seat House.

"These Confederate monuments are not objects of history. They are racist propaganda carved into stone," said Rep. Gabriel Sanchez, D-Smyrna.

"Working families of Georgia are not interested in statues of old racists and do not care about sanctifying national flags of the Confederacy. They want a government that works for them now, in today's day and age."

A state law passed in 2019 makes it difficult for local governments to relocate or remove monuments but allows "appropriate measures for the preservation, protection, and interpretation" of monuments.

Monuments can also be moved by judges when they become public nuisances or a threat to public safety.

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Thoughts on a midlife crisis: Is there life on Mars?

The average lifespan of an American male is 75.8 years according to the latest medical research. The distance between this big blue marble we call home and its moon is about 238,900 miles. That's according to NASA and I guess we'll just have to take their word for it, because they are the only people who've ever been there.

What do these two numbers have in common? I'm still trying to figure that out myself, but maybe we can sort it out together.

Next month, if I manage to survive another 45 days or so depending on when you are reading this, I'll turn 41 years old. That means I have more years behind me, on average, than I do left to live. To be honest, I never thought I'd make it this long. I never thought I wouldn't, but when you're young and have the bull that is life by the horns you don't think about waking up middle aged with all of the cares and/or worries that come along, such as watching your cholesterol, making sure your kids are at least trying to make decent grades at school and cutting grass ... again.

Besides looking up every now and then on a clear night, I've never thought much about the moon, but suddenly going to outer space is very interesting to me. As I ham-

'Its a God-awful small affair ...'

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

mer this out on a keyboard, four astronauts are preparing to make the more than a quarter-million-mile flight to the moon and back. If successful, it will be the longest crewed

space flight in history (as far as we know) and the first to travel close to the moon since 1972.

The ultimate goal of the 10-day Artemis II mission and its four team members is to pave the way for future moon landings and hopefully establish long-term bases for deeper space travel, and more importantly, lunar exploration and extraction of valuable minerals to make the computer chips needed for the further development of artificial intelligence.

There are still people who believe the moon landing was faked. Can you imagine if that happened in the world of AI? With just a few clicks and a simple prompt you can make a picture of anybody on any planet and folks will argue its validity on the internet for days.

The idea of living in outer space just may well be right around the corner, and the adventure of the unknown is calling out to me. I want to experience the thrill and danger of doing something to advance human history. I want to break the shackles of the cubicle in my windowless dungeon and launch myself into something new and exciting, like discovering life on Mars.

Or I'm having a midlife crisis.

It's a shame that I can't afford a sports car.



POLICE BEAT...

Dublin Police Department

- Eddie Charles Vickers, 51, was charged with criminal attempt to commit a felony and simple battery at the Southside Package Shop on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive around 11:32 p.m. on March 21.

An officer responded to a possible kidnapping attempt. A woman said Vickers grabbed her from behind and tried to force her into his car. She yelled, "I don't want to go with you!" The woman's sister and niece came over to help.

The officer talked with the sister and niece before speaking with Vickers. He said he reached out to give a hug and saw that the other two women were coming his way, approaching aggressively. He claimed one of the women had a gun so he grabbed the other woman from behind by the waist to use her as a shield to keep from getting shot.

Vickers was transported to the sheriff's office and turned over to booking staff.

- On March 25, around 4:43 p.m., an officer responded to U.S. 80 West at Murphy's gas station in reference to a vehicle collision. Upon arrival, the officer saw a white Ford LGT and a blue Toyota Camry parked near the gas pumps.

An officer made contact with both parties, collected their information and inquired if anyone required medical assistance. Both

parties said they did not need assistance. The officer conducted a GCIC check on both drivers. The check revealed that Abel Vega, 25, the driver of the white Ford, had a suspended driver's license. The officer informed Vega of this and he was informed that he was not permitted to operate the vehicle.

The owner of the white Ford arrived and took custody of the vehicle. Vega was transported to the police department. He was fingerprinted, issued a citation and released on summons.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- A deputy talked with someone in reference to a package that was delivered to the wrong address on Sycamore Lane around noon on March 8.

- On Wednesday, March 18 around 6:25 p.m., a deputy responded to the sheriff's office for an incident that happened on Rose Avenue.

- A deputy met with two people on Greg Couey Road in regard to an ATV being stolen around 9:45 a.m. on March 22.

- A deputy responded to a call in Laurens County that happened on Cloverleaf Lane around 4:17 p.m. on March 21.

- On March 20, around 10:08 a.m., a deputy talked with a person on the phone in reference to a lost or stolen phone that happened on

Turkey Creek Church Road.

- A deputy responded to Ross Ridge Road in Montrose around 9:15 a.m. on March 22.

- A deputy responded to a civil issue regarding the sale and purchase of a vehicle that happened between March 21 and March 24 on Kenneth Hilburn Court.

- After a judge passed sentence during court, an inmate, Rasheed Dazavon Lovett, 25, of East Dublin, was removed from the courtroom and escorted to the holding facility in the courthouse around 9 a.m. on March 24. After arriving at the cell, the inmate refused to go into the holding cell and began having a mental episode lying on the floor and refusing to be handcuffed or cooperate with any officers.

- On March 21, around 1:32 p.m., a deputy responded to the sheriff's office to assist a deputy with a probable cause search. This led to Callie McDuffie, 29, of Dexter, being charged with possession of methamphetamine.

- A theft occurred on Curl Road in East Dublin between March 19 and 20.

Editor's note: This information is public record and was taken from reports of local law enforcement agencies. These reports do not reflect guilt or innocence. An "arrest" does not always indicate incarceration. Readers are cautioned that people may have similar names. Police Beat does not identify minor children, victims of sexual assault, suicide attempts or medical conditions. Cases dismissed do not appear if the newspaper is notified before deadline.

Eric Liddell: Committed to God

Eric Liddell was a Scotsman, an athlete, and the son of missionaries to China, where he was born in 1902. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. James D. Liddell, were career missionaries to China, being sent out under the auspices of the London Missionary Society. Eric attended and graduated from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in the 1920s, where he excelled in rugby and track. While at the university he won the Scottish championship in the 100 and 220 yard sprints. And in 1924, he was a member of the British Olympic Team that competed in the Paris Olympics.

His best event was the 100 yard dash, but because this event ran its preliminary heats on Sunday, and Eric believed that he should not participate on Sunday, he chose not to compete in his best event. He chose, instead to compete in the 400 yard dash for which he had not trained. He competed in the 400 yard dash, finished five yards ahead of his nearest competitors, and set a new world record for the event winning the gold medal. He attributed his win to God.

Shortly after the Paris Olympics and his graduation from the Edinburgh University in 1925, Eric returned as a missionary to China, following in the



By **JACK BROWN**

footsteps of his parents, and soon met his wife there. Her parents were also missionaries. During his first furlough in 1932, he was ordained to the Christian ministry. Shortly thereafter, he and his family returned to their China mission field and remained there until hostilities between China and Japan intensified in the late 30s as World War II approached. For the safety of his wife and three daughters, he sent them back home to Scotland in 1943, but Eric chose to remain at his post in China, serving where he believed God wanted him to be.

He was interned by the Japanese in 1943, and served God faithfully in the internment camp until a brain tumor took his life on Feb. 14, 1945, shortly before his camp was liberated.

While interned by the Japanese, he helped to

maintain law and order among the 1,800 internees, helped the older, weak and ill ones in the camp, led worship services, taught children biblical stories, hymns of faith and organized sports and recreation for them. He unreservedly gave of himself to helping others.

Years later, one of those children in that camp remembered Eric Liddell with these words: "None of us will ever forget this man who was totally committed to putting God first, a man whose humble life combined muscular Christianity with radiant godliness" (David Mitchell).

In the award winning film, "Chariots of Fire," these words were on the screen as the film ended: "Eric Liddell, missionary, died in occupied China at the end of World War II. All of Scotland mourned." A brain tumor had taken his good life.

Moment of Inspiration

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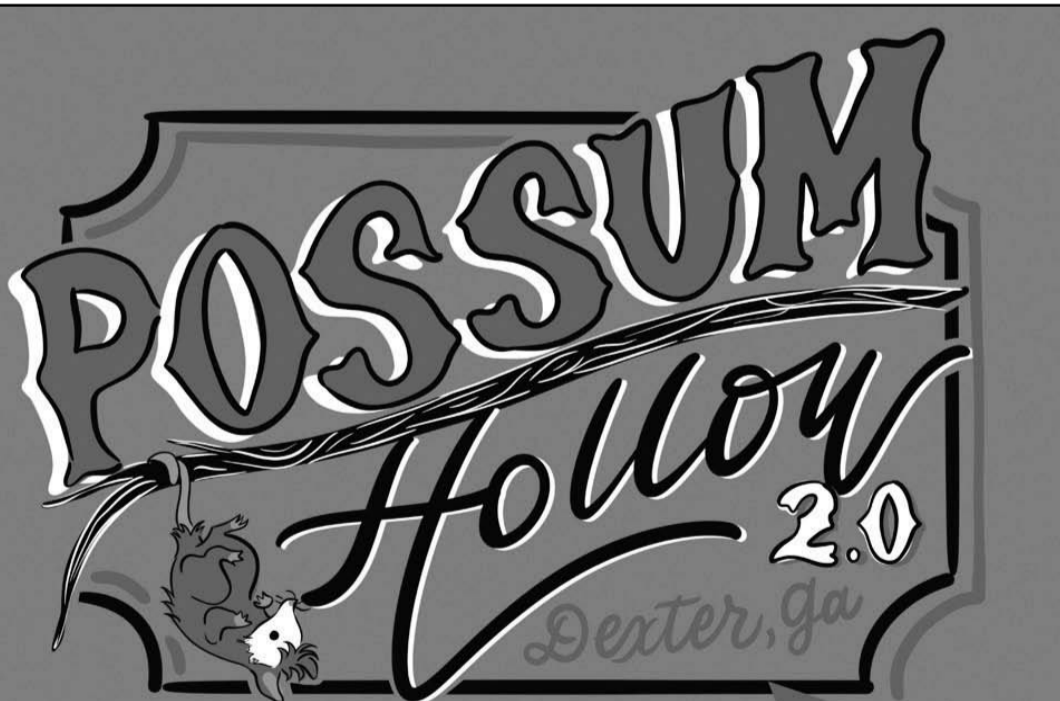
Prayer: Lord, thank You for the victory of the resurrection. Help me to live each day in the hope and power of the risen Christ. Amen.

Dr. Curt Lysaker, Pastor Shady Grove Baptist Church, East Dublin, GA

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NEWS DIGEST

The Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 6 at 5 p.m. in the board of elections and registration office of the Laurens County Courthouse annex building located at 117 E. Jackson St., Suite A, in Dublin. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Roll call
- Recognition of visitors
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Old business
- Discussion of office

procedures

- Revenue expenditures and outlay
- New business
- Preparing for the May 19, 2026 General Primary
- Executive session

City of Dudley will hold its next council meeting at noon on April 14 at the Dudley Fire Station. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of previous minutes - March 10

- Approval of bills
- Discussion items - report from the Altamaha Planning & Development Commission
- I & I project update
- Discussion on business licenses

- Action items
- Consider bid to close old well at city hall
- Update and consider amending contract for treatment pond
- Citizen comments
- Council comments
- Executive session (if needed)
- Adjournment

Amidst all the school controversy whatever happen to the past City Clerk, Ms Heather Browning and the allegations against her?

Regarding DCS : The state school superintendent's letter admonishing the DCBOE mentioned \$600,000 being paid to unnecessary positions at the BOE Office. This is a huge problem. Must be solved!

Dublin City School

System board members: Please request all employees at the BOE office who make over \$65,000 yearly to present to you a comprehensive list of their work activities over a five day period.

Most everyone knows 99% of educating children happens in the classroom and not at the BOE office. That \$600,000 for nonessential administration could provide eight classroom teachers .

So, everyone is "shocked" and "appalled" that DCS coaches got extra money while some teachers got the boot? REALLY?!? This is the Georgia: Football takes precedence over everything!

It's obvious that any city with a 55 mph speed limit at the entrances and exits of Walmart is not serious about traffic control.

RELIGION DIGEST

The First Rehoboth Baptist Association will be presenting an Easter Drama, "Jesus of Nazareth: His Life, Crucifixion and Resurrection" on Good Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the First Rehoboth Baptist Association Center, 811 First Rehoboth Road, Montrose, Georgia. Robbie Smith Latimore is script writer and director. There is no admission fee and everyone is invited to attend.

Free Vision Deliverance Outreach Ministry Church (540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way) family and Chief Apostle Shirley Parker invites everyone to come out to a community fellowship on their 30th church anniversary at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 3. The guest speaker will be Pastor Mary Paschal from His Mercy Ministry in Milledgeville.

The Mount Tilla Baptist Church family will be having Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 3 for The Passion Shadows A Dramatic Reenactment, directed by Catherine Rozar.

Free Vision Deliverance Outreach Ministry Church (540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way) will hold its 30th church anniversary at 11:30 a.m. on April 19. The guest speaker will be Overseer Prophet Mary Austin. The church anniversary theme is Pressing into Divine pur-

pose.

New Bethel AME Church will be celebrating their fifth annual pastor's appreciation on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. for Rev. Cathy Dargan-Harper of Sparta. The guest speaker for the occasion is Rev. David Flowers of Buckeye Baptist Church. All are invited to attend and dinner will be served following the service.

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Off of four-win week, Falcons stun WACO Tuesday for sixth in a row

From STAFF REPORTS

The East Laurens Falcons have already shown more than once this season that they're a team region 2-High A's top contenders are unwise to sleep on.

After handing ACE an unexpected first league loss earlier in March, they took another one down in its own ballpark Tuesday night with an 8-7 win to get the first of this week's two-game series with Washington County.

East compiled 17 hits, with the help of three each by Conner Lawrence, Logan Gibson and Myles Burke plus five RBIs on a double and home run by Konner O'Neal, to run out to a big early lead, and outlasted the Golden Hawks' late comeback effort by a run to hang on for the key victory, which will serve as a big booster to its playoff hopes.

The Falcons (13-10, 9-6 region 2-High A) look to be in great shape from a position of 33rd statewide in the GHSA Post Season Ratings as they vie for an at-large bid in the state tournament, though a potential sweep of WACO – which still has a pair of region games against ACE coming up in two weeks, following its return visit to East Dublin Friday – could also put them in position to capture an outright berth as one of the region's top four finishers, depending on how things play out.

The win was their sixth in a row, following huge ones at Jefferson and Montgomery counties and a sweep of Southwest Macon comprising a 4-for-4 streak since the victory at ACE.

East Laurens was scheduled to play a non-region game at Hawkinsville on Thursday afternoon.

Tuesday, the Falcons built up a

7-0 lead before Washington County could score.

The Golden Hawks got their first two in the bottom of the fifth, then five more between the sixth and seventh to make it a nailbiter.

But it was the extra cushion of a run in the sixth inning, coming on back-to-back doubles by Grayson Edge and Brody Kight, that insured the East Laurens lead.

The Falcons jumped on WACO starter Clark Trussell quickly as Lawrence led off with an infield single (courtesy runner Jaxten Thomas promptly stole second) and Myles Burke drew a walk to set the table for a three-run bomb to center on the first pitch to O'Neal.

East built on the lead with a run in the second, as Cade Oliver singled and stole second, Lawrence followed with another base hit and O'Neal's sacrifice fly scored Thomas to make it 4-0. Another in the fourth made it 5-0 as Burke singled, and O'Neal doubled to bring him in, though the Falcons had to settle for just that as O'Neal was thrown out at the plate on another two-bagger by Gibson.

Sam Wynn walked and Lawrence singled to lead off the fifth against new pitcher Wyatt Hopkins. Logue, running for Wynn, and Thomas, again for Lawrence, both scored on an RBI single by Burke to increase the edge to a commanding 7-0.

Lawrence, who allowed only five hits, walked four and struck out six in his five-inning start, kept the Golden Hawks scoreless until the bottom of his final inning.

WACO's comeback bid gained some traction in a four-run sixth that narrowed the gap to just two, as Oliver (who walked two and struck out one) tossed his lone inning of relief.

But the final frame, and the save, belonged to Edge.

Ben Davis, who drew a one-out walk, scored the Hawks' only run thanks to the back-to-back singles of Colton Brown and Trey Cannida, on either side of a flyout by Tristan Hart.

Brown, however, was thrown out at third on the latter play for the final out of the game.

The East Laurens pitching trio combined to walk and strike out seven. WACO's staff gave out five walks, and fanned six. The Falcons had seven steals.

East Laurens 17, Montgomery Co. 4

The Falcons used 18 hits to blow past the Eagles on Monday, March 23 in Mt. Vernon, as Lawrence held them to just two in a six-inning complete game. He struck out seven and walked only one.

East Laurens hitters lit into four MoCo pitchers, who joined to issue six walks. But they had 12 hits against starter Luke Burns.

O'Neal was 4-for-4 with four RBIs, and finished a homer shy of the cycle.

Oliver and Edge (with three RBIs) had three hits each; Burke, Gibson (driving in four) and Nollan Scott had two apiece.

East Laurens 15, Southwest Macon 0

Brody Kight threw a three-inning no-hitter to pick up another handy win on Tuesday back at home, striking out four and facing only one in excess of the minimum.

The Falcons had seven hits at the plate, with O'Neal coming up with a double and triple to drive in three.

Gibson also continued his recent

hot streak with three RBIs.

Edge and Oliver had three each of the team's 14 steals.

East Laurens 14, Jefferson Co. 5

The Falcons completed their sweep, but had to overcome a few early deficits as Jefferson County went on the board first with three runs in the opening inning, and back up with one in the second after they mirrored its three-spot in the first inning.

But East Laurens continued to pound away, and would score 11 unanswered before the Warriors got another on the board, and it came in the bottom of the sixth to ensure the game would go a full seven innings.

The Falcons only led the hitting 8-7, but worked 12 walks and benefitted from four Jefferson County errors.

Kight and Lawrence had three hits and two RBIs each. Cade Oliver hit safely twice.

East Laurens 26, Southwest Macon 3

The Falcons finished their week of beatdowns with the biggest of all in Macon. They put up 11 in the first and 15 in the second, out-hitting the Patriots 16-2 overall.

It was a three-hit, five-RBI night from Gibson. Burke drove in three on three. Lawrence had three RBIs on two, and Kight two on two.

Gibson held Southwest to two hits and struck out seven with no walks.

All three runs by the Patriots were unearned.

Oliver and Kight had four each of the team's 18 steals.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
Thursday
Hawkinsville 8,
East Laurens 6
West Laurens 2, Harlem 1
Bleckley Co. 8, Dublin 4
Trinity 7, Brentwood 3

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday
Trinity 3, FPCA 0
ACE Charter 9, EL 0
Stratford 6, WL 0

BOYS SOCCER
Thursday
Trinity 2, FPCA 1
ACE Charter 5, EL 1
WL 2, Stratford 2 (10-9 PKs)

PREP SCHEDULE

BASEBALL
Friday
Washington Co. at
East Laurens/6 p.m.

Monday
Central Macon at Dublin
(doubleheader)/4 p.m.
West Laurens at LaGrange
/4:30 p.m.
Trinity vs. Greenbrier
Christian (Hanahan
Invitational, Charleston)
/5 p.m.
Berrien at EL/6 p.m.

Tuesday
Trinity vs. TBD
(Hanahan Invitational)/TBD

Wednesday
Washington Co. at WL
/4 p.m.
Trinity vs. TBD
(Hanahan Invitational)/TBD

SOCCER
Friday
Claxton at Dublin/5 p.m.



DANCING WITH THE (BLUE) DEVILS: WEST LAURENS TENNIS TEAMS DEFEAT TIFT COUNTY

A couple of competitive tennis matches broke loose last Monday, March 23, as the Tift County Blue Devils came up to Dexter to challenge West Laurens. The Raiders took their dare and won both, their boys by a score of 3-2 and girls 4-1, in what head coach Danny Johnson described as "one of the best wins of the season." From left: Augusta Rodgers, Kruz Karmazinas, Elynn Alligood and Landon Gentry compete in singles/CLAY REYNOLDS

Raiders sweep Howard, suffer heartbreaker at Bleckley Co.

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Two more 4-AAA wins fit around another tough non-region loss for West Laurens as it swept its latest region set with Howard last Tuesday and Thursday, but dropped an exciting back-and-forth affair with Bleckley County Wednesday night in Cochran.

The Raiders shut out the Huskies 10-0 to start the three-day stretch before running into some first inning difficulties they couldn't overcome in a fourth-straight loss to the Royals, 9-7. But they'd circle back to run-rule Howard for a second time in five more innings, 15-4, to wrap up the week.

West Laurens began a key region series on the road this past Tuesday night at Harlem, and will host the defending champion Bulldogs Thursday for a finale that's likely to swing the league's title race for a second-straight year.

The Raiders (14-5, 10-0 region 4-AAA) didn't have a huge inning, but piled on the runs steadily with installments of twos and threes in four out of five innings as they

compiled 14 hits in last week's trip to Macon.

J.D. Hogan was 3-for-4 to lead the Westside lineup, while Nathan Hester (with four RBIs), Grant Baker, Tripp Mascaro and J.J. Giles had two hits each.

Gunner Coleman allowed only two hits in five innings of scoreless ball, walking none and striking out five.

Hogan would be 3-for-3 with just more than a quarter of the team's 11 hits in Thursday's victory.

Though the scoring followed Tuesday's measured pace, West Laurens quickened the ending after chasing Howard starting pitcher Eduardo Leiva from the game after three innings.

The Raiders posted four runs each on a total of six hits, plus an error, in the first couple innings, with RBI swings by Tripp Mascaro, Grant Baker, Kolby Clark and Cohen Cardwell strewn throughout. Hogan's RBI single fit into a two-run third that got the West Laurens lead back to eight, 10-2, after a Howard two-spot in the second courtesy of an RBI by Leiva (who had two of the Huskies' six hits) kept the game momen-

tarily competitive. But a five-run fourth would put it completely out of reach.

Clark, who struck out five with no walks and only three hits given up in three innings, helped his winning cause with two hits at the plate. Mascaro relieved him for the final two innings, and yielded three more hits, two unearned runs and two walks with three strikeouts.

Bleckley County, which will be bidding on its seventh region 2-High A championship in a row over the season's last two and a half weeks, handed West Laurens an unheard-of fourth-straight regular season loss in the teams' extensive rivalry as it hung on to the last two runs in a couple of early six-run advantages to the end of Wednesday's wild rollercoaster ride.

Both teams had some back-and-forth, in both a literal and figurative sense, as things got uncharacteristically heated during some tense innings down the stretch of a game as exciting as the two have played in some time.

But the outcome all came back to a rough first inning for the Raiders, in which Bleckley whacked six

hits to put up six runs and make a big early dent on the scoreboard.

Two-run singles by Lane Sapp and J.D. Holloway were the biggest swings of the bunch, though Walker Boatright, Brody Fleming and Jay Johnson also added hits to the effort that had West Laurens reeling a bit in search of an elusive third out that didn't come until the end of 11 at-bats.

However the Raiders, with Cardwell as their starting pitcher recovering for an orderly second and third, would regain the footing as the evening progressed, and put together a solid third inning – highlighted by RBIs from Baker and Mascaro – to halve the lead.

Bleckley got all three runs back in the fourth as many of the above joined in rattling off five base knocks to force a pitching change. Brycen Milton took over and picked off his fifth and sixth runners of the season, while walking two and striking out three the rest of the way.

The Royals wouldn't score in either of the two remaining frames.

West Laurens came back to cut the lead to two in a four-run fifth, bringing nine to the plate and

cashing in three walks and a hit batter by Bleckley's Brody Woodard, who was a second man out of the Purple and Gold 'pen behind starter Gavin Cole, who struck out three and walked one with two hits in a pair of innings out of the gate, and Thomas Evans, whom the Raiders jumped on by connecting for two hits and drawing two walks in the big third.

Jeremiah Baker split the gap for a double to drive in two, and Giles drew a bases-loaded walk, to force the Royals to a fourth pitcher. Johnson came on to get the last two outs, allowing only one more to score in the process.

He'd punch out the side in the sixth before walking two to load the bases after a leadoff error in the seventh. But a Raider ground ball into a force-out at third would end the threat with a tying run in scoring position.

Johnson struck out four in his nearly three hitless innings to get the save.

Boatright, Fleming, Sapp, Cole and Woodard had two hits each, and Sapp drove in three runs for the Royals, who out-hit West Laurens 12-7.

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Employment

WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR III The City of Dublin has an opening for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III. Work involves the safe and efficient operation of the sewage treatment plant during an assigned shift. Work involves covering a large working area which contains several operating units of the sewage treatment system. Work is reviewed by the supervisor who checks records and charts and makes daily inspections through the plants to check condition and upkeep of equipment. Work is performed under the direction of the Wastewater Plant Superintendent. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license and have a high school diploma or GED. Possession of a valid State of Georgia Driver's License. Requires a Class "III" Operator's License in both water and wastewater treatment as issued by the State of Georgia or the ability to acquire both licenses within one (1) year of employment. Starting salary is \$40,498.19 annually for a trainee or \$43,076.80 annually for a Class III Operator. An extensive fringe benefit package including health, dental and life insurance is also offered. To apply, visit our www.cityofdublin.org website until position filled. The City of Dublin is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Yard/Estate Sales

Garage Sale: April 4th. 7am -12pm. 106 Westchester Circle Dublin, GA 31021

Legals

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26-144 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF ELLA MAE HOLLIMAN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-37 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Danny Holliman, Tamiyah Devoe, Taylor Devoe and whom it may concern: ANGELA CASSANDRA PITTS has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ELLA MAE HOLLIMAN, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 4, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: C. Warren Clerk of the Probate Court PO Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478 272-2566 April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-131 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY HAZLEY, SR., DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-38 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Paul Hazley, Maurice Washington, Cornelius Hazley, Cassandra Hunter, Jennifer Hazley, Billy Hazley, Jr. and to whom it may concern: Julia Hazley has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of BILLY HAZLEY, SR. deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 4 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: C. Warren Clerk of the Probate Court PO Box 2142 Dublin, GA 31040 478 272-2566 April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-120 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS IN RE: ESTATE OF William E. Preston, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of William E. Preston, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to male immediate payment to me. Sue A. Preston Executor of William E. Preston, deceased 114 Ovid Dr Dublin, GA 31021. O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states: "...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..." March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

26-124 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS IN RE: ESTATE OF Ernest Russell, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Ernest Russell, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to male immediate payment to me. Steve Russell Executor of Ernest Russell, deceased 309 Old Pine Road Dudley, GA 31022 O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states: "...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..." March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

26-139 STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING April 20, 2026 Mayor Matt Donaldson to Host State Board of Education Twelfth District Public Hearing

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Twelfth Congressional District on Monday, April 20, 2026. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Warren County Schools, Career Academy, 115 Gibson Hwy., Warrenton, GA 30828.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. People wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival. The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at gprice@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event. April 4, 11, 2026

26-127 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated August 11, 2022, from Arthur Davis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, recorded on August 23, 2022 in Deed Book 3322 at Page 1 Laurens County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated August 11, 2022, in the amount of \$85,000.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia, on May 5, 2026 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 10 OF BLOCK "B" OF BELLEVUE HEIGHTS, A PLAT OF SAID BELLEVUE HEIGHTS BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 295, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PROPERTY IS IMPROVED BY A ONE-STORY RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 208 COMER DRIVE AND IS SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY JACK C. BRANTLEY, SURVEYOR, DATED JUNE 2, 1952.

The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are Arthur Davis.

The property, being commonly known as 208 Comer Dr, Dublin, GA, 31021 in Laurens County, will be sold as the property of Arthur Davis, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-480-2432. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

Albertelli Law Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Arthur Davis 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. -25-017410 March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

26-134 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of David Williams, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Administrator of his Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of David Williams are required to make immediate payment to the Administrator. This 19th day of March, 2026. Vicki Williams Administrator of the Estate of David Williams Francis M. Lewis Attorney for the Estate 1808 Bellevue Road Dublin, GA 31021 March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

26-136 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF LAURENS IN RE: ESTATE OF Carlton C. Dollar Jr, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Carlton C. Dollar Jr, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to male immediate payment to me. Carla Dollar Higgs Administrator of Carlton C. Dollar Jr, deceased 803 Curl Rd. East Dublin, GA 31027. O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states: "...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..." March 28, April 4, 11, 18 2026

26-086 Notice Of Foreclosure Sale Under Power Laurens County, Georgia Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Alonze N. Sumpter to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Guaranteed Rate, Inc., dated 03/14/2025 and recorded 03/20/2025 in, in Book 3561, Page 224, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guaranteed Rate, Inc by assignment recorded on 01/12/2026 Deed Book: 03661 Page: 0184 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$ 152,640.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 04/07/2026, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In The Town Of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, And Being Lots 9 And 10, Block "E" Of The Lakehurst Subdivision As More Particularly Shown And Described By Reference To A Plat Of Survey Made By Marvin D Clements, Surveyor, On August 25, 1983, As Follows: Beginning At An Iron Pin On The Northwest Side Of Sunset Drive A Distance Of 300 Feet Northeast Of The Cornered Intersection Of The Northwest Margin Of Sunset Drive And The Northeast Margin Of Pearl Street And Running Thence Along Pearl Street In A Northeasterly Direction A Distance Of 100 Feet, Thence In A Northwesterly Direction Of 150 Feet; Thence In A Southwesterly Direction A Distance Of 100 Feet, Thence In A Southeasterly Direction A Distance Of 150 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. This conveyance is made subject to all zoning ordinances, easements and restrictions of record affecting said bargained premises. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed of intent to collect attorney's fee having been given). The and by law, including attorney's fees (notice entry having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Guaranteed Rate, Inc they can be contacted at 866-978-2622 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to Guaranteed Rate, Inc 9726 Old Balles Rd Ste 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707 to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold on "as-is" basis and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Alonze N. Sumpter or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 125 Sunset Dr, East Dublin, GA 31027. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. Guaranteed Rate, Inc as Attorney in Fact for Alonze N. Sumpter. First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving TX 75063 866-429-5179 GA2600294142 February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

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26-154A Case No. 25-CG-0815-JG IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. 0.214 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Fleming Chapel, individually TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY: FIRST AMENDED PETITION The amended petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows: 1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No./P.I. 0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is September 21, 2023. 2. The following paragraph is applicable to this action: Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition. 3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action; Said highway being a limited access highway 1 as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways. The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and 1 except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned. 4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the

Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19. 5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A". 6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owners of said tract of land are: See page 2-A. Said owners are named defendants to this action. Fleming Chapel 3253 Hwy 441 S. Rentz, GA 31075 7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes. 8. The said owners generally and alienors and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof. WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays: (a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit 11A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia; (b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession; (c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit 11A)11 (d) For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts; (e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises. Respectfully submitted, CHRISTOPHER M. CARR Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 119805 LOGAN B. WINKLES Deputy Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 136906 RONALD J. STAY Senior Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 621732 THE JACKSON LAW FIRM /s/Ralph N. Jackson By: RALPH N. JACKSON Special Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 387629 Please Address All Communications to: 212-H West Jackson Street. Dublin GA 31021 SAAG ADDRESS 478-353-4444 SAAG TELEPHONE Attorneys for Plaintiff EXHIBIT "A" IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. 0.214 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Fleming Chapel, individually DECLARATION OF TAKING WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./P.I. 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$15,300.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto; NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes. This 4 day of March, 2026. Russell R. McMurry, P.E. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A" ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No. P.I. 0013578 Laurens County. Being a project for Right of Way proposed on SR 31 from S. Poplar Springs Church Rd. to S. of S. R. 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta Georgia; and WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project: Required R/W: 0.214 acres of land; and certain easement rights Appendix "A" - Annex 1 - Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat Owners: Fleming Chapel, individually NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code. Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 4 day of March, 2026. RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation ATTEST: ANGELA WHITWORTH Treasurer Department of Transportation PROJECT NO.: 0013578 - Being a project for widening and reconstruction on SR 31 FM S POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH RD TO S OF SR 117-PH 11-TIA P.I. NO.: 0013578 ARCEL NO.: 98 COUNTY: LAURENS REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.214 Acres of land; and certain easement rights DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023 REVISION DATE: November 21, 2025 PROPERTY OWNER: Fleming Chapel, individually REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: All those tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Land Lot 219 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 85.00 feet left of and opposite Station 664+78.25 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 14°32'15.6" W a distance of 311.75 feet to a point 85.00 feet left of and opposite station 667+90.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 75°27'44.4" W a distance of 15.00 feet to a point 115.00 feet left of and opposite station 667+90.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 14°32'15.6" W a distance of 601.83 feet to a point 77.99 feet left of and opposite station 664+84.43 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 34°03'37.5" W a distance of 9.34 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.214 acres more or less. TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT: Beginning at a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite Station 667+94.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 14°32'15.6" W a distance of 57.00 feet to a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite station 668+51.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 75°27'44.4" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 668+51.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 14°32'15.6" E a distance of 57.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 667+94.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 75°27'44.4" W a distance of 10.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.013 acres more or less. TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT 2: Beginning at a point 85.00 feet left of and opposite Station 664+78.25 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence S 34°01'24.7" W a distance of 13.34 feet to a point 95.00 feet left of and opposite station 664+69.43 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 14°32'15.6" W a distance of 45.57 feet to a point 95.00 feet left of and opposite station 665+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 75°27'44.4" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 85.00 feet left of and opposite station 665+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 14°32'15.6" E a distance of 36.75 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.009 acres more or less. Also, granted is the right to an easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat. This Temporary Driveway Easement becomes effective at the beginning of construction of the above numbered project and will continue for five (5) years or until completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation. PLAT PROJECT NO./ P.I. No. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY RECORD OWNERS: Fleming Chapel, individually GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 10 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 4 day of March, 2026, as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 10 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 4 day of March, 2026. Angela Whitworth Treasurer Department of Transportation APPENDIX "B" TO EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./ P.I. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY Record Owners: Fleming Chapel, individually Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 219 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of land consisting of approximately 2.814 ± acres. APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A" GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004. Affiant was employed by the Dept of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 98 of the right of way and rights required for construction of P.I.0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the construction of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages). After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$15300.00. Sworn to and subscribed before me, This 18th day of February, 2026.. Caroline Hargrove NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires:11-12-26 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. 0.214 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Fleming Chapel, individually ORDER AND JUDGMENT The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken" as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged: 1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/P.I. 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condemnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; 2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 30 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 30 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking; 3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department; 4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated: that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case; 5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County; (See 2A) 6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County; 7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional

reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemner, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 and April 11, 2026.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case.

This 27 day of March, 2026.

Judge Jud L. Green
JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT
DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 4, 11, 2026

26-158
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Jerry B. Daniel Jr, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-48
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
SHA'KRISTIN ANYIAH WILLIAMS has petitioned to be administrator of the estate of Jerry B. Daniel Jr deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant-of-certain-powers-contained-in-9.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 4, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
101 N. Jefferson Street
Dublin, GA 31021
478/272-2566

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-152
Case No. 26-CG-0256-JH
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez individually TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:

1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No.0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is December 29, 2023.

2.The following paragraph is applicable to this action:

Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.

3.The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:
Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways.

The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.

4.Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.

5.Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".

6.Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owners of said tract of land are: See page 2-A.

Said owners are named defendants to this action. Eleazar Martinez 623 Metts Street Dublin, Ga 31021

7.The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.

8.The said owners generally and aliens and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:
For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;

For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 60 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;

For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");

For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts;

e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises. Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER M. CARR
Attorney General
Ga. State Bar No. 112505

LOGAN B. WINKLES
Deputy Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 136906

Ronald J. Stay
Senior Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 621732

FIRM NAME

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Special Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 6091432

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EXHIBIT "A"
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez individually

DECLARATION OF TAKING
WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$11,600.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.

This the 9 day of March, 2026.
Russell R. McMurry, P.E.
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"
ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ 0013578 in Laurens County being a project for SR 31 FM S Poplar Springs Church Rd to S of SR 117-PH 11 - TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:

Required RW/ 0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Appendix "A" - Annex 1 - Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat Owners:
Eleazar Martinez
NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.

Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 9 day of March, 2026.

RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
ATTEST:

ANGELA WHITWORTH
Treasurer
Department of Transportation

PROJECT NO.: 0013578 -Being a project for widening and reconstruction on SR 31 FM S POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH RD TO S OF SR 117-PH II-TIA
P.I. NO.: 0013578
PARCEL NO.: 42
COUNTY: Laurens
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.319 Acres of Land; and certain easement rights
DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023
REVISION DATE: September 15, 2025, as to Sheet 60-0026, July 3, 2025, as to Sheet 60-0028, and November 21, 2025 as to Sheet 60-0029
PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 30.00 feet left of and opposite Station 2501+36.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/ US & Hilltop Circle 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence S 84°20'16.7" W a distance of 114.02 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 574+60.08 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 5°41'42.1" W a distance of 170.15 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 576+30.23 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 87°44'43.9" E a distance of 78.76 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 576+19.33 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 5°45'01.6" E a distance of 35.36 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+25.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence N 84°20'16.7" Ea distance of 11.00 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+36.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 5°39'43.3" E a distance of 20.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.319 acres more or less.

TEMPORARY FENCE EASEMENT:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 40.00 feet left of and opposite Station 2501+36.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/ US 441 & Hilltop Circle on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 5°39'43.311 W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+36.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 84°20'16.7" W a distance of 11.00 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+25.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence N 50°44'00.2" W a distance of 21.24 feet to a point 65.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+09.96 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence N 84°20'16.7" Ea distance of 36.04 feet to a point 65.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+46.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 5°39'43.3" E a distance of 25.00 feet to a point 40.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+46.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 84°20'16.7" W a distance of 10.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.012 acres more or less.

Also condemned is the right to enter upon the subject property for the purpose of removal of a building or improvement within the easement area shown on the attached plats marked Annex 1-A. Said easement will expire 24 months from the date of the filing of the petition of said project by the Department of Transportation.

PLAT
PROJECT NO./ 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY RECORD OWNERS:
Eleazar Martinez

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY
I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation.

I further certify that the foregoing 10 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 9 day of March, 2026 , as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 10 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 9 day of March, 2026.

Angela Whitworth
Treasurer
Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "B"
TO EXHIBIT "A"
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./0013578 LAURENS COUNTY Record Owners:

Eleazar Martinez individually
Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of land consisting of approximately 0.999 ± acres.

APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"
GEORGIA, Fulton County
Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tre Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 42 of the right of way rights required for construction of P# 0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.
2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.) After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$11600.00
Matthew K. Gottschalk
Sworn to and subscribed before me.
This 12th day of January, 2026
Caroline Hargrove

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission expires: 11/12/2029
Parcel No. 42

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs. 0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez individually Civil Action No. 26-CG-0256-JH
ORDER AND JUDGMENT

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as Just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:

1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a Jury In this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an Interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condemnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 60 days of said property, and II being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and all terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;

3) It is further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department

4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any Interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case;

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be Issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County; (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County:
7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to , or Interest in, or claims against the described property being given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; It is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be Issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled In this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemner, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an Interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 - April 11, 2026.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case.

This 30th day of March, 2026.
Judge Jon Helton

April 4, 11, 2026

26-081
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by **JIM CLINE FULLER TO ATLANTIC SOUTH BANK** dated December 20, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 2920, Page 139 and re-recorded in Deed Book 2931, page 96, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Jim Cline Fuller to Atlantic South Bank in the original principal amount of \$108,000.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in April, 2026, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT A ATTACHED
THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 1210 WYNN ROAD, EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is Jim Cline Fuller.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Promissory Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees. Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed.

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the property.

Additionally, this sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

THIS LAW FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed is Dave Davidson, Senior Credit Analyst, SunMark Community Bank, 1005 Northside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069, Ph. No. 478-292-5881.

Atlantic South Bank
Attorney-in-Fact for
Jim Cline Fuller

Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-9965
ebcatty@bellsouth.net

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

26-143
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Lillian R. Jones, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Lillian R. Jones, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. Melanie Newman and Sue Ellen Flury Executor of Lillian R. Jones, deceased 453 GA Hwy 338 Dublin, GA 31021 542 Blackshear Ferry Road West Dublin, GA 31021. O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states:

"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

March 28, April 4, 11, 18 2026

26-118
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman
Civil Action File No: 26-CD-0203-WT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, LAURENS County
Notice is hereby given that Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman , the undersigned, filed petition to the Superior Court of LAURENS County, Georgia on the 18 day of February, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman to Gabriella Yaqarah Tillman. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 18 day of February, 2026.
Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman
Petitioner

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

26-151
Case No. 26-CG-0078-JG
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and James M. Woodward and Wylene K. Woodward
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:

1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No. P.I. 0019465 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is the 20th of June, 2026.

2. The following paragraph is not applicable to this action:

Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.

3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:
Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways.

The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.

4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.

5.Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".

6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owners of said tract of land are: See page 2-A.

Said owners are named defendants to this action.

James M Woodward
2029 S. Poplar Springs Church Rd.
Rentz, GA 31075
Wylene K. Woodward
2029 S. Poplar Springs Church Rd.
Rentz, GA 31075

7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.

8. The said owners generally and aliens and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:
(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;

{b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 60 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;

Required R/W: 0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and

Appendix "A" - Annex 1 – Legal Description

Annex 1-A - Plat

Owners: James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward

NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.

Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 20 day of January, 2026.
/S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
ATTEST:
/S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH
Treasurer

Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT "A"
P.I. NO: 0019465
PARCEL NO: 59
COUNTY: Laurens
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and James M. Woodward and Wylene K. Woodward individually
DATE OF R/W PLANS: July 26, 2023
REVISION DATE: Sheet Numbers 55 and 56, April 25, 2025

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 149 of the 17 Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite Station 404+99.23 on the construction centerline of SR 31/US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No.0019465; running thence S 81° 07'02.3" W a distance of 83.01 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 405+00.50 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 8°45'44.9" W a distance of 213.92 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 407+14.42 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 80°14'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S 9°45'44.9" E a distance of 119.47 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 80°14'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S 9°45'44.9" E a distance of 100.77 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.387 acres more or less.

P. I. NO.: 0019465
PARCEL NO. : 59 COUNTY: Laurens
DATE OF R/W PLANS: July 26, 2026
REVISION DATE:Sheet numbers 55 and 56, APRIL 25, 2025

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 149 of the 17 Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite Station 406+81.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No.0019465; running thence S 80°14'15.1" W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+81.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 9°45'44.9" W a distance of 34.00 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 407+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 80°14'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite station 407+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S 9°45'44.9" E a distance of 34.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.008 acres more or less.

P. I. NO.: 0019465
PARCEL NO. : 59 COUNTY: Laurens
DATE OF R/W PLANS: July 26, 2026
REVISION DATE:Sheet numbers 55 and 56, APRIL 25, 2025

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 149 of the 17 Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite Station 406+10.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No.0019465; running thence S 80°14'15.1" W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+10.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 9°45'44.9" W a distance of 85.00 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+95.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 80°14'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+95.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S 9°45'44.9" E a distance of 85.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.020 acres more or less.

PLAT
PROJECT NO./P.I.No. 0019465 LAURENS COUNTY
RECORD OWNERS: James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward

I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 10 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 20 day of January, 2026 as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 10 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 20 day of January, 2026.
Angela Whitworth
Treasurer
Department of Transportation

APPENDIX " B " TO EXHIBIT "A"
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./P.I. 0019465 LAURENS COUNTY Record Owners:

James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward
Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 149 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of a land consisting of approximately 0.997+ acres.

APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"
GEORGIA, Fulton County
Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 59 of the right of way rights required for construction of Pl# 0019465 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32 3-4 through 32 3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.) After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$39700.00.

Matthew K. Gottschalk
Sworn to and subscribed before me.
This 12th day of January, 2026.
Caroline Hargrove
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission expires: 11/12/2029

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.
0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward individually
ORDER AND JUDGMENT
The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:

1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ P.I No 0019465 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condemnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; 2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 60 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;

3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department;

4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case,

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County; (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County;

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to , or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said

County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 through April 11, 2026. Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 26th day of March, 2026.
JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Judge Jud L. Green

April 4, 11, 2026

26-137
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWIN L. HIGGS JR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-41
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
CARLA DOLLAR HIGGS has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of EDWIN L. HIGGS JR. deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 4, 2026
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2142
Dublin, GA 31040
478 272-2566

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-126
State of Georgia
County of Laurens

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Mary Ellen Hall, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 17th day of March, 2026.
Estate of Mary Ellen Hall
Robin Marie Hall Pfannkuche, Executor 301 Arrowhead Trail
Warner Robins, GA 31021
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

26-115
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDY SMITH JOHNSON GARRETT

All creditors of the estate of **JUDY SMITH JOHNSON GARRETT**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executrix, Amber Marie Akins.

This 6th day of March, 2026.
AMBER MARIE AKINS
Executrix of the Estate of
JUDY SMITH JOHNSON GARRETT
58 Towns Road
McRae, Georgia 31055

S. Ryan Dixon
Nelson & Dixon, LLC
125 North Franklin Street
Dublin, Georgia 31021
478-272-3545
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

26-149
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of George Evans, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Executrix of his Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of George Evans are required to make immediate payment to the Executrix.
This 30th day of March, 2026.
Clarissa Patricia Evans
Executrix of the Estate of George Evans
Francis M. Lewis
Attorney for the Estate
1808 Bellevue Road
Dublin, GA 31021

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-121
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA
Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Jerry Perry Cummings, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, on the day of March, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Jerry Perry Cummings to Nathan Nathaniel Cummings.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
This 13 day of March, 2026.

RALPH N. JACKSON
Attorney for Petitioner
State Bar No. 387629
The Jackson Law Firm
212-H West Jackson Street
Dublin, GA 31021
Phone (478) 272-7607
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ralph@ga-laws.com
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

26-155
Case No. 26-CG-0210-JG
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA
DEPARTM ENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.
797 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:

1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as prject No./P.I. 0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map drawing on file in the office of Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is September 21, 2023.
2. The following paragraph is applicable to this action:
Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.

3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:
Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways. The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached an made a part hereof; and except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.

4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.

5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".

6. Petitioner alleged upon information and belief that the owner of said tract of land is: See page 2A. Said owner is named as defendant to this action. Eleazar Martinez 623 Metts St. Dublin, GA 31021.

7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.

8. The said owners generally and alienors and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to the action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;
(b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;
(c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");
(d) For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts;
(e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises.
Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.
0.797 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually,

DECLARATION OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement

being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$7,900.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto; NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.
This the 4 day of March, 2026.
Russell R. McMurry, P.E
Commissioner of the Department

of Transportation
APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"
ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ P.I. 0013578 Laurens County, Being a project for Tight of Way proposed on SR 31 from S. Poplar Springs Church Rd. to S. of S.R. 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:

Required R/W: 0.797 acres of land; and certain easement rights
Appendix "A" - Annex 1 – Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat

Owners: Eleazar Martinez, individually
NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.
Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 4 day of March, 2026.
/S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
ATTEST:
/S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH
Treasurer

Department of Transportation
PROJECT NO.: 0013578 - Being a project for widening and reconstruction on SR 31 FM S POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH RD TO S OF SR 117-PH II-TIA
P.I. NO: 0013578
PARCEL NO: 37
COUNTY: Laurens
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.797 Acres of land; and certain easement rights
DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023
REVISION DATE: For Drawing No. 60-0026, September 15, 2025; For Drawing No. 60-0027, September 15, 2025
PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez
PARCEL 37 REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 186, 187, of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 120.00 feet right of and opposite Station 567+ 59.93 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / U S 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence S 49°28'56.0" W a distance of 82.83 feet to a point 52.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+ 08.63 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence N 5°41'42.1" W a distance of 26.96 feet to a point 52.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+ 35.59 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence S 84°18'17.9" W a distance of 30.00 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+ 35.59 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 5°41'42.1" W a distance of 364.37 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+ 99.96 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence N 84° 21'47.4" E a distance of 78.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet right and opposite station 570+ 99.88 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence S 5° 41'42.1" E a distance of 59.88 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+ 40.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence N 84° 18'17.9" E a distance of 20.00 feet to a point 120.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+ 40.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence S 5° 41'42.1" E a distance of 284.07 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.797 acres more or less.

PARCEL 37 TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 186, 187 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+50.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 5°41'42.1W a distance of 34.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+84.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 84°18'17.9 E a distance of 15.00 feet to a point 115.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+84.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441, thence S5°41'42.1 E a distance of 34.00 feet to a point 115.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+50.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S84°18'17.9 W a distance of 15.00 feet back to the point of the beginning. Containing 0.012 acres more or less. Also, granted is the right to an easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat.

This Temporary Driveway Easement becomes effective at the beginning of construction of the above numbered project and will continue for five (5) years or until completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation.

PLAT
PROJECT NO./P.I No 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY
RECORD OWNER: Eleazar Martinez, individually.

I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 9 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 4 day of March, 2026 as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 9 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 4 day of March, 2026.
Angela Whitworth
Treasurer
Department of Transportation

APPENDIX " B " TO EXHIBIT "A"
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./P.I 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY Record Owners: Eleazar Martinez, individually

Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lots 186 and 187 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of a land consisting of approximately 2.097+ acres.

APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"
GEORGIA, Fulton County
Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 37 of the right of way rights required for construction of Pl# 0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32 3-4 through 32 3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County; (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County;

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to , or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning as soon as practical after the issuance of this Order.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 26th day of March, 2026.

Judge Jud L. Green
JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 4, 11, 2026

26-148
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
 All creditors of the Estate of Linda Joyce McCullars, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Executor of her Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of Linda Joyce McCullars are required to make immediate payment to the Executor. This 30th day of March, 2026.

Charles McCullars
 Executor of the Estate of Linda Joyce McCullars
 Francis M. Lewis
 Attorney for the Estate
 1808 Bellevue Road
 Dublin, GA 31021

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-117
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Linda Joyce Faulk, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Linda Joyce Faulk, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

Bruce Michael Faulk
 Administrator of Linda Joyce Faulk, deceased
 116 North Jenkins Drive Eatonton, GA 31024.
 O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states:
 "...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

March 7, 14, 21, April 4 2026

26-133
NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
 Notice is given that Articles of Incorporation that will incorporate REGECO, LLC have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 909 Ball Street, Perry, Georgia 31069 and its initial registered agent at such address is John D. Christy.

March 28, April 4, 2026

26-142
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF REMUS EARL MORGAN.
Estate No. 26-39
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 All creditors of the estate of **REMUS EARL MORGAN**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

This 23 Day of March, 2026
 Jordan Bracewell
 Attorney for the Estate of Remus Earl Morgan Kight Law, LLC
 P.O. Box 816
 Dublin, Ga, 31040

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

26-156
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
 Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Joel Zamora, Abbi Gail Zamora to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns dated April 29, 2024, recorded in Deed Book 3483, Page 1, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3671, Page 56, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$389,475.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2026, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 and 1400, Orange, CA 92868, 800-561-4567.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **745 Ga Highway 338, Dudley, GA 31022**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable." This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

"The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for
 Joel Zamora, Abbi Gail Zamora
 McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
 1544 Old Alabama Rd
 Roswell, GA 30076
 www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract, lot or parcel of land, in Land Lot 57 of the 2nd Land District and 341st G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia, described as Lot 3 containing 1.00 acre, more or less, and more particularly identified as Lot 3, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by Brent E. Tanner, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 3250, dated May 30, 2019 and recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 280, in the Office of the Clerk of Laurens County Superior Court. Grantor does hereby grant and convey to grantee, its heirs and assigns a nonexclusive perpetual easement for ingress and egress to use that certain access easement as shown on the plat recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 280, Laurens County Records for access to grantee's property.

Being the same property as conveyed from Joel Zamora to Joel Zamora and Abbi Gail Zamora As Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship as set forth in Deed Book 3414 Page 155 dated 08/25/2023, recorded 08/28/2023, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, MR / CA May 5, 2026
 Our file no. 25-18826GA-FT17
 25-18826GA

April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

26-132
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CELINE J. MATHEW, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 25-153
NOTICE
 [For discharge from office and all liability]
 IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
 TO: Whom it may concern:
 This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before May 4, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWarren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 Dublin GA 31040
 478-272-2566

April 4, 2026

26-146
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[S-152-2026]
Foreign-Trade Zone 104; Application for Subzone; Supreme International LLC dba Perry Ellis International; Dublin, Georgia
 An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the World Trade Center Savannah, LLC grantee of FTZ 104, requesting subzone status for the facility of Supreme International LLC dba Perry Ellis International, located in Dublin, Georgia. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on March 19, 2026.

The proposed subzone (133.35 acres) is located at 125 Old Valambrosia Road, Dublin, Georgia. No authorization for production activity has been requested at this time. The proposed subzone

would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 104. In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Juanita Chen of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary. Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is May 4, 2026. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted through May 18, 2026.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information Section" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov.
 Date: March 19, 2026.
 Elizabeth Whiteman,
 Executive Secretary.
 [FR Doc. 2026-05736 Filed 3–23–26; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 3510–DS–P
 April 4, 11, 18, 2026

26-116
NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF GEORGIA RE: WILLIE M LOCKE AKA MAUDE LOCKE Property Address: 2527 SNOW HILL CHURCH RD, CADWELL, GA 31009 Security Deed Recorded: Book 726, Page 341 County: Laurens PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foreclosure sale scheduled pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed from WILLIE M LOCKE AKA MAUDE LOCKE to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, as assigned to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE which sale was previously advertised to occur on February 03, 2026, between the legal hours of sale before the courthouse door in Laurens County, Georgia, has been POSTPONED. The secured creditor, through its authorized agent, announced at the time and place of the scheduled sale that the foreclosure sale is postponed and continued to: NEW SALE DATE: April 07, 2026 LOCATION: Before the door of the courthouse in Laurens County, Georgia All terms and conditions of the original Notice of Sale Under Power remain unchanged except as to the postponement of the sale date. This postponement is made pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed and applicable Georgia law, including O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162 et seq. This 25th day of February, 2026 Respectfully, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 3400 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 649 Lenox Towers North Atlanta, GA 30326 Phone: (401) 234-9200 Fax: 972-331-5240 Send Mail to: Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison, TX 75001 A-4867278
 March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

26-147
Case No. 26-CG-0253-WT
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.
 0.297 acres of land; and Eleazar Martinez individually
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:
 The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:
 1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No.0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is December 29, 2023.
 2. The following paragraph is not applicable to this action:
 Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.
 3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:
 Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways.
 The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.
 4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.
 5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".
 6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owners of said tract of land are: See page 2-A.
 Said owners are named defendants in this action. Eleazar Martinez 623 Metts Street Dublin, Ga 31021.
 7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.
 8. The said owners generally and alienors and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.
 WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;
 (b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;
 (c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");
 (d) For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts;
 e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises.
 R e s p e c t f u l l y s u b m i t t e d ,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.
 0.297 acres of land; and Eleazar Martinez individually

DECLARATION OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit 11A11 and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and
 WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix 11B11 to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and
 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A11 and made part hereof; and
 WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$11,400.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto;
 NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.
 This 20 day of February, 2026.
 Russell R. McMurry, P.E.
 Commissioner of the D of Transportation
APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"
ORDER
OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ 0013578 in Laurens County being a project for SR 31 FM S Poplar Springs Church Rd to S of SR 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and
 WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and
 WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:
 Required RW: 0.297 acres of land; and Appendix "A" - Annex 1 - Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat
Owners:
Eleazar Martinez
 NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and
 IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands herein-after described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.

Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 20 day of February, 2026.
 /S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.
 Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
ATTTEST:
 /S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH
 Treasurer
 Department of Transportation
PROJECT NO. Right of Way of Proposed SR 31 FM S Poplar Springs Church Rd to S of SR 117-PH 11-TIA
Pl. NO: 0013578
PARCEL NO: 43
COUNTY: Laurens
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.297 Acres of land
DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023
REVISION DATE: Sheet No. 60-0029 Nov 21, 2025
 Sheet 60-0030 August 15, 2025
PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:
 Beginning at a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite Station 576+19.33 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 87°44'43.911 W a distance of 78.76 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 576+30.23 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 5°41'41.6" W a distance of 170.05 feet to a point
 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 578+00.28 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 81°33'45.9" Ea distance of 80.43 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 577+80.64 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 5°41'42.1" E a distance of 161.31 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.297 acres more or less.
 PLAT
PROJECT NO: / 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY

RECORD OWNERS: Eleazar Martinez
GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY
 I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 7 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 20 day of February, 2026 a s same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 7 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 20 day of February, 2026.
 Angela Whitworth
 Treasurer
 Department of Transportation

APPENDIX " B " TO EXHIBIT " A "
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./0013578 LAURENS COUNTY
Record Owners:
 Eleazar Martinez individually
 Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of 1 and consisting of approximately 0.997 ± acres.
APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"
GEORGIA, Fulton County
 Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 43 of the right of way rights required for construction of P1# CO13578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32 3-4 through 32 3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.
 2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.) After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$11,400.00.
 Matthew K. Gottschalk
 Sworn to and subscribed before me.
 This 7th day of January, 2026
 Caroline Hargrove
NOTARY PUBLIC
 My Commission expires: 11/12/2029
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.
 0.297 acres of land; and Eleazar Martinez individually
Civil Action No. 26-CG-0253-WT
ORDER AND JUDGMENT

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:
 1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condemnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 30 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that"... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 30 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;
 3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department;
 4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case;

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County; (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County;

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to , or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 and April 11, 2026.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 27 day of March, 2026.

JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 Judge William D. Taylor

April 4, 11, 2026

26-145
NOTICE OF SALE
 Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale by Curry Management Corporation on April 14, 2026, starting at StorageAuctions.com. The proceeds of said sale will be used to first satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.

SPACE Pansy Stewart Claxton Dairy A25
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Marcia Hall Claxton Dairy B11
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Charlotte Dolfi Claxton Dairy F1
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Karenita Prince Claxton Dairy H4
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Marcus Knuckles Claxton Dairy I-23
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Johnard McLendon Market Square C12
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Barbara Knight Hillcrest 1
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Barbara Knight Hillcrest 2
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Catina Sampson Kellam Road A18
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS
 March 28, April 4, 2026

26-154
NOTICE OF SALE
 Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et. Seq., there will be a public sale at the location listed below, the proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of this auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale. The sale will be held as follows:

- A13 Linton, Angelette N
- a15 Darrell Mitchell
- A18 Walker, Cherre
- B01 Young, Melissa
- B21 Wright, Deyton
- B32 Smith, Tyanna
- C10 Tanjanikia Smith, Robert Ross
- C40 Wright, Deyton
- C44 Elrod, Lori
- D09 Tanjanikia Smith, Robert Ross
- D19 Wright, Deyton
- D20 Revel, Patrick
- D37 Blackshear, Jeremy
- D40 Austin, Anthony

Name and address of storage facility: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021

Time and date of sale: Tuesday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

April 4, 11, 2026

26-130 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY. IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY D. HARTMAN TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: All creditors of the Estate of Dorothy D. Hartman, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

26-153 EFILED IN OFFICE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT LAURENS COUNTY, GA 26-CG-0209-JH JH-JON F. HELTON MAR 10, 2026 05:46 PM /S/ TANYA ROGERS TANYA ROGERS, CLERK LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. 0.064 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually,

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY: The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:

1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway Systems of the State of Georgia, known as Project No./P.I. 0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is September 21, 2023.

2. The following paragraph is applicable to this action:

Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.

3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:

Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways. The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.

4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.

5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".

6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owner of said tract of land is: See page 2-A.

Said owner is named as defendant to this action. Eleazar Martinez 623 Metts St. Dublin, GA 31021

7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.

8. The said owners generally and alienors and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays: (a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;

(b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;

(c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");

(d) For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts;

(e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER M. CARR Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 119805

LOGAN B. WINKLES Deputy Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 136906

RONALD J. STAY Senior Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 621732

THE JACKSON LAW FIRM s/s Ralph N. Jackson

RALPH N. JACKSON Special Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 387629

Please Address All Communications to: 212-H West Jackson Street, Dublin GA 31021 SAAG ADDRESS 478-353-4444 SAAG TELEPHONE Attorneys for Plaintiff

EXHIBIT "A" IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. 0.064 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually,

DOCKET NO. ---

DECLARATION OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./P.I. 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$49,100.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.

This the 4th day of March, 2026. /s/ Russell R. McMurry, P.E. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A" ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./P.I. 0013578 Laurens County, Being a project for Right of Way proposed on SR 31 from S. Poplar Springs Church Rd. to S. of S. R. 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project: Required R/W: 0.064 acres of land; and certain easement rights Appendix "A"- Annex 1 - Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat Owners: Eleazar Martinez, individually

NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code. Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 4th day of March, 2026.

/S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation ATTEST: /S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH Treasurer Department of Transportation

PROJECT NO. 0013578 - Being a project for widening and reconstruction on SR 31 FM S POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH RD TO S OF SR 117=PH II-TIA

P.I. NO. 0013578

PARCEL NO.: 74

COUNTY: LAURENS

REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.064 Acres of land; and certain easement rights DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023

REVISION DATE: For Drawing No. 60-0038, July 3, 2025; For Drawing No. 60-0039, July 3, 2025

PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez, individually

PARCEL 74 REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite Station 630+16.79 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 7°52' 19.8" W a distance of 183.21 feet to a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence S 82°07'15.9" W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 7°52'21.0" W a distance of 22.00 feet to a point 78.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+26.79 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence S 7°52'21.0" E a distance of 210.00 feet to a point 78.00 feet left of and opposite station 630+16.79 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence S 82°07'39.0" W a distance of 12.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.064 acres more or less.

PARCEL 74 TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite Station 631+61.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 7°52'21.0" W a distance of 39.00 feet to a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 82°08'02.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 82°07'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence S 7°52'15.1" E a distance of 39.00 feet to a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite station 631+61.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence S 82°07'39.0" W a distance of 20.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.018 acres more or less. Also, granted is the right to an easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat.

This Temporary Driveway Easement becomes effective at the beginning of construction of the above numbered project and will continue for five (5) years or until completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation.

PLAT PROJECT NO./ P.I. No. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY

RECORD OWNER: Eleazar Martinez, individually

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY

I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation.

I further certify that the foregoing 9 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 4th day of March, 2026, as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 9 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 4th day of March, 2026. /s/ Angela O Whitworth Angela Whitworth Treasurer Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "B" TO EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN

PROJECT NO./P.I. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY

Record Owner: Eleazar Martinez, individually

Said right of way as described on Appendix "A"; is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 203 of the 17th Land District of said County, said tracts of land consisting of approximately 1.014 ± acres.

APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by The Dept of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 74 of the right of way and rights required for construction of PI# 0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 30th day of March, 2026. /s/ Judge Jon Helton Judge Superior Court Dublin Judicial Circuit

26-135 To Whom It May Concern:

2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the construction of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages). After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is the amount of \$49,100.00. /s/ Matthew K. Gottschalk Sworn to and subscribed before me, This 9th day of January, 2026. /s/ Caroline Hargrove NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires: 11-12-29

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA DOCKET NO. Civil No 26-CG-0209-JH

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. 0.064 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually

ORDER AND JUDGMENT

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:

- 1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/P.I. 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condemnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. 2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 30 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated that, "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking, as provided in Code section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 30 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking; 3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department; 4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and address are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case; 5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County: (See 2A) 6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collections authorities of said County; 7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service.; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims, and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning as soon as practical after the issuance of this Order.

26-129 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Thurlan Wright to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Central Pacific Mortgage Company, A California Corporation., its successors and assigns dated July 18, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 1310, Page 222, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3685, Page 214, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$62,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence. NewRez LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: NewRez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as 428 Shannon Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

April 4, 11, 2026

Notice is hereby given that Sajju Pate, Alcohol Agent has submitted an application to the City of Dublin for a 2026 license to sell Beer, Wine, Liquor PACKAGED TO GO at Aksha and Swany INC, located at 1823 Rice Avenue, Dublin, GA 31021. Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 11:00am, in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license. This notice is given this 19th day of March, 2026.

March 28, April 4, 2026

26-141 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF Joseph Monroe, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 25-45

NOTICE

The petition of Temporary Administrator for leave to sell property in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed, TO: Joseph B Monroe, Chayla Monroe, Joshua Monroe, Andre Chatman, Chiyoka Nicole Herman, Joshua Thomas This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before May 4, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections must be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court P.O Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-155A IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF CARNELL CURRY, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 25-71

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: BRENDAASHLEY CURRY and CARNELL AGNEW and to whom it may concern: Stella Adhisurya, Esq. has petitioned for a county administrator for the sole purpose of a lawsuit to be appointed administrator of the estate of Carnell Curry deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports; waiver of statements, and/or grant-of-certain-powers-contained-in-9.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 4, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court 101 N. Jefferson Street Dublin, GA 31021 478/272-2566

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

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Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 30th day of March, 2026. /s/ Judge Jon Helton Judge Superior Court Dublin Judicial Circuit

April 4, 11, 2026

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicious Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

NewRez LLC as Attorney in Fact for Thurlan Wright McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 86th G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 2.0 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and described as Lot A-4 of Big Creek Estates as shown on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Surveyor, dated July 2, 1993, and recorded in Deed Book 7, Page 111, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by this reference.

This is that same property conveyed to Thurlan Wright by Warranty Deed of Don Thompson and James O. Garrett dated February 24, 1994 and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 746, Page 38. SUBJECT TO:

- 1) All easements of record; and 2) Building set-back lines, general utility easements and other matters as may be disclosed on plats of record. There is or will be located on the property hereinabove described and conveyed a manufactured home more particularly described as a 2002 Horton Homes, 27 x 66, Serial Number H177154GL&R, and by agreement of the parties hereto, is affixed to the above described land in such a manner as to constitute a fixture pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-1-6(a), as amended, and has as of the date hereof become a part of the real property herein described. Accordingly, said home is to be treated and taxed as an improvement to real property for ad valorem tax purposes and the owner thereof agrees to apply for homestead exemption or take other applicable steps to ensure taxation of said home as real property at the earliest possible date under the laws of the State of Georgia. It being the unconditional and absolute intention that the manufactured housing as last described shall remain permanently attached in its place on the realty as hereinabove described. MR / MA May 5, 2026 Our file no. 26-21688GA-FT18 26-21688GA March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 202

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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“If you are having a bad day, go and visit Mrs. Sherri Brown,” Waldrep said. “She does a good job not only loving her students but those (like para pros) who works for her.”

J.T. Dean, principal at NWLE, said Dailey has a lot of patience dealing with her kindergarten class.

“She has the perfect personality to keep the kids on track,” Dean said. “Her love for kids just shines. If you can deal with 20 kids all day, you can deal with anything.”

Torrance Pittman, principal at Heartland Academy at Crossroad Alternative School, introduced Powell, and then let Mark Bateman, coordinator with Heartland Academy, talk about her.

“If you want someone to depend on, it is Mrs. Powell,” Bateman said. “She is not just a teacher but a mother to them.”

Keldrick Burke, principal at East Laurens High, said Walker cares about her students.

“That is the number one characteristic with her,” Burke said.

“She is all about making it better for kids at ELHS.”

Harris was introduced by ELMS principal Garrett Cannon.

“I’m so thankful she is at East Laurens Middle,” he said. “I have no doubt she puts out fires and leads her team. You can see her heart for her students. She is a wonderful person.”

Tanner teaches agriculture at East Laurens Elementary, said principal Kelly Dean.

“She pours her heart into everything,” Dean said. “When students are out there holding those animals, their hearts soften. We are thankful for the passion she puts into it.”

West Laurens High principal Lyn Long said the school has a nickname for Johnson.

“We call him the G.O.A.T. because we think he is the greatest of all time,” Long said. “He gives the best motivating speeches, and those kids believe they can conquer the world because Jeff Johnson believes in them.”

Thomas was introduced by East Laurens Primary principal Brandi Purser.

“She gives with all of her heart,” Purser said. “Her kids look up to her and she makes the rainbow shines. She has that quiet leadership that is so hard to come by.”

Hall was glad he did not have to select a winner.

“I think you can see that every single educator is valued,” he said. “The group of teachers are wonderful every year, but this was a wonderful group and they all do a phenomenal job.”

Each one of the schools selected a 2025-2026 representative for Teacher of the Year. They were voted on by their peers, Hall said. Rozier will now represent Laurens County for the 2026-2027 school year.

“Do not let anyone diminish the work that you do,” Rozier said. “We don’t do this for the accolades. I was not expecting this at all. I do thank you for the work that I put in. I do a lot because I love it. To my fellow teachers of the year, I just knew that anybody but me was going to get this award.”

2026 Teacher of the Year Recipients	
Brenda Thomas	East Laurens Primary School Mrs. Brandi Purser, Principal
Macy Tanner	East Laurens Elementary School Mrs. Kelly Dean, Principal
Felecia Harris	East Laurens Middle School Dr. Garrett Cannon, Principal
Triste Walker	East Laurens High School Mr. Keldrick Burke, Principal
Susan Dailey	Northwest Laurens Elementary School Mr. JT Dean, Principal
Lekeia Rozier	Southwest Laurens Elementary School Mr. Ed Bland, Principal
Sherri Brown	West Laurens Middle School Mr. Reed Waldrep, Principal
Jeff Johnson	West Laurens High School Mrs. Lyn Long, Principal
Barbara Powell	Crossroads Alternative School Mr. Torrance Pittman

Teacher of the year recipients are listed on a program from the event/PAYTON TOWNS III

Ban on child sexual abuse NDAs passed by General Assembly

By MARK NIESSE
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Victims of childhood sexual abuse can’t be silenced by nondisclosure agreements in legal settlements, according to a bill that cleared the Georgia General Assembly on Thursday.

The Senate voted unanimously to approve the bill, which is called Trey’s Law in memory of Trey Carlock, a former Atlanta-area resident who was sexually abused at a Missouri camp along with other victims.

Carlock settled a lawsuit against the camp, but a nondisclosure agreement prevented him from talking about what happened to him.

“These NDAs silence survivors or sexual abuse in civil settlement agreements and force victims to choose between compensation and their voice,” said Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, R-Marietta.

CHINA DRUGS

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others,” said U.S. Attorney William R. “Will” Keyes for the Middle District of Georgia. “Our office, in collaboration with law enforcement, is dedicated to dismantling criminal organizations, whether they operate from prisons or across borders.”

“These defendants profited from the opioid epidemic and endangered thousands of lives by trafficking fentanyl,” said FBI Georgia Supervisory Senior Resident Agent Robert Gibbs. “Disrupting the manufacturers and distributors of this poison remains a high priority for the FBI and our law enforcement partners.”

“These defendants were involved in a fentanyl trafficking ring contributing to the opioid crisis in our communities,” said Inspector in Charge Rodney Hopkins of the Atlanta Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. “This case demonstrates the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and its partners’ commitment to protecting the public, combating the spread of deadly drugs and holding accountable those who profit from addiction.”

The following individuals have been charged by a federal indictment returned on May 14, 2025, and unsealed on Aug. 7, 2025:

- Andreus Benard Oliver Sr., also known as “Doomie Oliver,” 43, of Macon State Prison and Cordele, Georgia, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$2 million fine;

• Andreus Benard Oliver Jr., also known as “Dray Oliver,” 27, of Cordele, Georgia, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and one count of using or maintaining a drug premises and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine;

- Xin Wang, 28, of China, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, and he faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison with a mandatory minimum of five years in prison and a \$5 million fine for the fentanyl charge and a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine for the conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance charge; and

- Gao Yong, 29, of China, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Oliver Sr. and Oliver Jr. had their initial appearances in August 2025 and were remanded

into federal custody by U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles H. Weigle. Wang and Yong are fugitives and have active warrants for their arrest. An indictment is merely an allegation of criminal conduct, and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt.

According to court documents and statements referenced in court, Young conspired to acquire and distribute fentanyl and synthetic cannabinoids (marijuana) from China to the United States beginning in 2023. It is alleged that Oliver Sr. conspired with Young while both were inmates at Macon State Prison in Oglethorpe, Georgia.

The shipments of the synthetic cannabinoids arrived at an address allegedly occupied by Oliver Jr. on 4th Avenue in Cordele. Wang and Yong are alleged to have facilitated the sale and distribution of synthetic controlled substances from China to customers around the world, including to Oliver Sr. and Young.

Yong allegedly communicated directly with customers, negotiated the sale of the drugs and provided shipment tracking information. Wang allegedly directed the sale of fentanyl worldwide and maintained cryptocurrency wallets for payments. Yong was allegedly aware that the substances were being introduced into prison facilities.

Young placed multiple orders of fentanyl using encrypted chat applications he accessed using a contraband cellphone while in prison. Young directed Works to acquire the fentanyl and ship it to customer addresses, including addresses in the Middle District of Georgia, and both Young and Works paid for the drugs with cryptocurrency.

Oliver Jr. and other co-conspirators allegedly placed multiple orders

for synthetic cannabinoids from Wang and Yong online and paid them with cryptocurrency, directing the packages to addresses in Cordele and his 4th Avenue residence, referred to as the “lab.”

After a package originating from China was intercepted by law enforcement, agents executed a search warrant at Oliver Jr.’s residence on July 22, 2024, and found more than 175 metal pans with sheets of paper; multiple jugs and bottles containing suspected cannabinoids; several measuring beakers; more than 350 dried sheets of paper soaked with cannabinoids; return address labels purporting to be from various attorneys; shipping labels addressed to inmates in jail and prison facilities around the country; cash; and ledgers indicating how many sheets had been processed. In addition, \$170,000 in cryptocurrency was seized



An online advertisement of drugs for sale admitted as evidence as part of forfeiture proceedings/SPECIAL PHOTO

and forfeited from Wang as part of the investigation.

Young and Works are being held accountable for trafficking 2,610 fentanyl pills weighing 279.64 grams and 5,502.55 grams of MDMB-4en-PINACA, a new synthetic cannabinoid.

This case is part of Operation Take Back America, a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to repel the invasion of illegal immigration, achieve

the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime.

The FBI and the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) investigated the case, with assistance from the GBI and Georgia Department of Corrections.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Peach for the Middle District of Florida is prosecuting the case.

NEWS DIGEST

The LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the courthouse annex. The agenda:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Approve meeting minutes for March 17, 2026
- Public hearing on closing Henry Thigpen Road
- Discussion/approval of closing Henry Thigpen Road
- Presentation by Valeri Dixon, Archway program director
- Discussion/approval of resurfacing bids
- Discussion/approval of general contractor for Senior Center renovation project
- Discussion/approval of solar farm ordinance revision
- Other business
- Citizen comments
- Adjourn

CORRECTION

An article in Thursday’s Courier Herald misstated the scope of bonuses approved by the Dublin City Board of Education for employees. The school board discussed during open session on March 23 whether to extend the \$2,000 bonuses from the state to include contracted employees, but the matter was tabled pending further information from the contracting company.

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