

No. 2017CR 027

SUPERIOR COURT  
IRWIN COUNTY  
FEBRUARY 2017 TERM OF COURT  
APRIL 2017 SESSION

STATE OF GEORGIA

vs.

RYAN ALEXANDER DUKE

Count 1: MALICE MURDER  
O.C.G.A. §16-5-1(a)

Counts 2 and 3: FELONY MURDER  
O.C.G.A. §16-5-1(c)

Count 4: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT  
O.C.G.A. §16-5-21

Count 5: BURGLARY  
O.C.G.A. §16-7-1

Count 6: CONCEALING DEATH OF ANOTHER  
O.C.G.A. §16-10-31

  
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

Paul Bowden  
District Attorney

Counts 1-2: SPECIAL PRESENTMENT  
Counts 3-6: Jason Shoudel, Prosecutor

INDICTMENT

Received in open Court from the sworn Grand Jury Bailiff and filed in office

this 12 day of April, 2017.

  
Clerk of Court

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF IRWIN

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY

THE GRAND JURORS selected, chosen and sworn for the county of IRWIN,  
State of Georgia, to wit:

Joe Kyle Veal, Foreperson  
Kelly Lamar Wynn, Assistant Foreperson  
Kimberly Hawkins Wilson, Clerk

Amelia Deanne Gay Edwards  
Candice Dawn Thomas  
Raymond Smith III  
Wilbur Royce Tyson  
Tammy Lee Maher  
Thomas L. Hilton  
James Kenneth Bullington  
Jerry Lee Farmer  
James O'Neal Ross  
Albertha C. Rivers

Abby Dove Griffin  
Chance Bradley Purvis  
~~James Dustin Vaasey~~ *KW*  
Faron Carver  
Latrece Wynn Jones  
Lorene Louise O'Neal  
Kelly Gene Apperson  
Lorena L. Cothren  
Kristi Fletcher Vandegrift  
Christopher Andrew Quinn

☒ A TRUE BILL.

COUNT 1

☐ A NO BILL.

☐ TABLED.

The Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse RYAN ALEXANDER DUKE with the offense of MALICE MURDER for that said accused in the County of Irwin, on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2005, did, then and there, unlawfully, with malice aforethought, cause the death of Tara Faye Grinstead, a human being, by using his hand to kill Tara Faye Grinstead, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-5-1, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

☒ A TRUE BILL.

COUNT 2

☐ A NO BILL.

☐ TABLED.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse RYAN ALEXANDER DUKE with the offense of FELONY MURDER for that said accused in the County of Irwin, on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2005, did, then and there, unlawfully commit the offense of murder when the accused caused the death of Tara Faye Grinstead, a human being, irrespective of malice, while in the commission of a felony, Aggravated Assault, by using his hand, an object which when used offensively against a person did result in serious bodily injury, the aggravated assault causing the death of said Tara Faye Grinstead, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-5-1, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

☒ A TRUE BILL.

COUNT 3

☐ A NO BILL.

☐ TABLED.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse RYAN ALEXANDER DUKE with the offense of FELONY MURDER for that said accused in the County of Irwin, on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2005, did, then and there, unlawfully commit the offense of murder when the accused caused the death of Tara Faye Grinstead, a human being, irrespective of malice, while in the commission of a felony, Burglary, by entering into her home with the intent to commit a theft therein and causing the death of said Tara Faye Grinstead during the commission of the Burglary, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-5-1, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.



☒ A TRUE BILL.

COUNT 4

☐ A NO BILL.

☐ TABLED.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse RYAN ALEXANDER DUKE with the offense of AGGRAVATED ASSAULT for that said accused in the County of Irwin, on or about the 23rd day of October, 2005, the statute of limitations being tolled in that the crime was unknown until February 2017, did, then and there, unlawfully make an assault upon the person of Tara Faye Grinstead with his hand, an object which when used offensively against a person did result in serious bodily injury by using his hand to kill said Tara Faye Grinstead, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-5-21, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

☒ A TRUE BILL.

COUNT 5

☐ A NO BILL.

☐ TABLED.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse RYAN ALEXANDER DUKE with the offense of BURGLARY for that said accused in the County of Irwin, on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2005, the statute of limitations being tolled in that the crime was unknown until February 2017, did, then and there, unlawfully, without authority, and with the intent to commit a theft therein, enter the dwelling house of Tara Faye Grinstead, located at 300 West Park Street, Ocilla, Irwin County, Georgia, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-7-1, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

**COUNT 6**

☒ **A TRUE BILL.**

☐ **A NO BILL.**

☐ **TABLED.**

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse RYAN ALEXANDER DUKE with the offense of CONCEALING DEATH OF ANOTHER for that said accused in the County of Irwin, on or about the 23rd day of October, 2005, the statute of limitations being tolled in that the crime was unknown until February 2017, did, then and there, unlawfully conceal the death of Tara Faye Grinstead, which hindered the discovery of whether or not said person was unlawfully killed, by removing said Tara Faye Grinstead's body from 300 West Park Street, Ocilla, Irwin County, Georgia, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-31, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.