

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF APPLING COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

FEBRUARY TERM, 2025

**THE STATE OF GEORGIA vs. Laken Michelle DeLoach**

**Ct. 1: Homicide by Vehicle in the First Degree**

**Ct. 2: Homicide by Vehicle in the First Degree**

**Ct. 3: Homicide by Vehicle in the First Degree**

**Ct. 4: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 5: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 6: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 7: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 8: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 9: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 10: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 11: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 12: Serious Injury by Vehicle**

**Ct. 13: Speeding**

**Ct. 14: Failure to Maintain Lane**

**Ct. 15: Reckless Driving**

**Ct. 16: Driving Under the Influence (Per Se)**

Prosecutor

Christian Siena 392

Tracy Bell (all counts)  
E. Graham Foreperson

**KEITH HIGGINS**

District Attorney, Brunswick Judicial Circuit

Received and filed in open court this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

Maisha Thomas

Clerk, Superior Court

The Defendant, **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH**, waives being formally arraigned and pleads not guilty.

The defendant, **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH**, hereby changes his/her plea from one of not guilty to one of Guilty.

Assistant District Attorney

Assistant District Attorney

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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GEORGIA, APPLING COUNTY  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY

The Grand Jurors selected, chosen and sworn for the County of Appling , to wit:

1. Errol Graham , Foreperson

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| 2. Angel Nichole Dykstra, Vice Foreperson | 14. Matilda Lynn Beckworth             |
| 3. Texee Brewer Deen, Secretary           | 15. <del>Karen Williamson Milton</del> |
| 4. Kassidy Brooke Crosby                  | 16. Brenda Gail Walker                 |
| 5. James A. Kent                          | 17. <del>Ali Marie Christopher</del>   |
| 6. Jaime Amber Overstreet                 | 18. Bethany Laurel Atkinson            |
| 7. Brooke Ashley Griffin                  | 19. Kaleb Keith Crosby                 |
| 8. Sandy D. White                         | 20. Greg Griffis                       |
| 9. <del>Daniel Shawn Giddens</del>        | 21. Tammy A. Baxley                    |
| 10. Erika Diaz Ramirez                    | 22. Lynn Michele Taylor                |
| 11. Sharon Adams Hallman                  | 23. Patricia Hackney                   |
| 12. Stephanie A. Fletcher <i>excused</i>  | 24. <u>Octavia King</u> (Alternate)    |
| 13. Jacob Allen Land                      | <i>excused</i>                         |

COUNT 1

In the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE IN THE FIRST DEGREE** for that the said accused, **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO WIT: A DODGE DURANGO, ON TEN MILE ROAD IN APPLING COUNTY, DID, WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, CAUSE THE DEATH OF DE'ANGELO ADAMS, A HUMAN BEING, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF O.C.G.A. 40-6-390, RECKLESS DRIVING, IN THAT SHE DID DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS, BY FAILING TO MAINTAIN LANE WHILE EXCEEDING THE DESIGNATED SPEED LIMIT**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 2

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE IN THE FIRST DEGREE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO WIT: A DODGE DURANGO, ON TEN MILE ROAD, DID, WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, CAUSE THE DEATH OF DE'ANGELO ADAMS, A HUMAN BEING, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF O.C.G.A. 40-6-391, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE WITH AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OF .08 GRAMS OR MORE AT ANY TIME WITHIN THREE HOURS AFTER SUCH DRIVING FROM ALCOHOL CONSUMED BEFORE SUCH DRIVING ENDED**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 3

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE IN THE FIRST DEGREE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WHILE DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO WIT: A DODGE DURANGO, ON TEN MILE ROAD IN APPLING COUNTY, DID, WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, CAUSE THE DEATH OF DE'ANGELO ADAMS, A HUMAN BEING, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF O.C.G.A. 40-6-391, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT SHE DID DRIVE OF A MOVING VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL TO THE EXTENT IT WAS LESS SAFE TO DRIVE**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 4

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO AHMAD CLEMENTS BY RENDERING HIS LEGS, A MEMBER OF HIS BODY, USELESS THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-390 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, RECKLESS DRIVING, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A RECKLESS MANNER IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF THE SAFETY OF PERSON AND PROPERTY BY FAILING TO MAINTAIN LANE WHILE EXCEEDING THE DESIGNATED SPEED LIMIT**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 5

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO AHMAD CLEMENTS BY DEPRIVING HIM OF USE OF HIS LEGS, A MEMBER OF HIS BODY THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-391 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO WITH AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OF .08 GRAMS OR MORE AT ANY TIME WITHIN THREE HOURS AFTER SUCH DRIVING FROM ALCOHOL CONSUMED BEFORE SUCH DRIVING ENDED.**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 6

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO AHMAD CLEMENTS BY DEPRIVING HIM OF USE OF HIS LEGS, A MEMBER OF HIS OR HER BODY THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-391 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS LESS SAFE TO DRIVE**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 7

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO ASHTON BAXLEY BY SERIOUSLY DISFIGURING HER BODY, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-390 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, RECKLESS DRIVING, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A RECKLESS MANNER IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF THE SAFETY OF PERSON AND PROPERTY BY FAILING TO MAINTAIN LANE WHILE EXCEEDING THE DESIGNATED SPEED LIMIT**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 8

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO ASHTON BAXLEY BY SERIOUSLY DISFIGURING HER BODY, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-391 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO WHEN HER ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION WAS .08 GRAMS AT ANY TIME WITHIN THREE HOURS AFTER SUCH DRIVING FROM ALCOHOL CONSUMED BEFORE SUCH DRIVING ENDED**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.



### COUNT 9

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO ASHTON BAXLEY BY SERIOUSLY DISFIGURING HER BODY, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-391 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS LESS SAFE TO DRIVE**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 10

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO ANTHONY JACKSON BY DEPRIVING HIM OF USE OF HIS LEGS, A MEMBER OF HIS BODY, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-390 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, RECKLESS DRIVING, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A RECKLESS MANNER IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF THE SAFETY OF PERSON AND PROPERTY BY FAILING TO MAINTAIN LANE WHILE EXCEEDING THE DESIGNATED SPEED LIMIT**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

### COUNT 11

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO ANTHONY JACKSON BY DEPRIVING HIM OF USE OF HIS LEGS, A MEMBER OF HIS OR HER BODY, AS A RESULT OF A BRAIN INJURY REQUIRING HIM TO RELEARN TO WALK, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-391 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO WHICH AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OF .08 OR MORE AT ANY TIME WITHIN THREE HOURS AFTER SUCH DRIVING FROM ALCOHOL CONSUMED BEFORE SUCH DRIVING.**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

## COUNT 12

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SERIOUS INJURY BY VEHICLE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, DID CAUSE AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN BODILY HARM TO ANTHONY JACKSON BY DEPRIVING HIM OF USE OF HIS LEGS, A MEMBER OF HIS OR HER BODY, AS A RESULT OF A BRAIN INJURY REQUIRING HIM TO RELEARN TO WALK, THROUGH A VIOLATION OF CODE SECTION 40-6-391 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, IN THAT THE ACCUSED DID DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS LESS SAFE TO DRIVE.**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

## COUNT 13

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **SPEEDING** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **DID UNLAWFULLY OPERATE A DODGE DURANGO, MOTOR VEHICLE, ON TEN MILE ROAD IN APPLING COUNTY AT APPROXIMATELY 95 MPH WHEN THE SPEED LIMIT WAS 55 MILES PER HOUR**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

## COUNT 14

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANE** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE UPON TEN MILE ROAD, A ROADWAY DIVIDED INTO CLEARLY MARKED LANES FOR TRAFFIC, DID UNLAWFULLY FAIL TO DRIVE SAID VEHICLE AS NEARLY AS PRACTICABLE ENTIRELY WITHIN A SINGLE TRAFFIC LANE, AND DID MOVE FROM SUCH LANE WITHOUT FIRST ASCERTAINING THAT SUCH MOVEMENT COULD BE MADE WITH SAFETY**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

## COUNT 15

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **RECKLESS DRIVING** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **DID UNLAWFULLY DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO, A MOTOR VEHICLE, IN A RECKLESS MANNER IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF THE SAFETY OF PERSONS BY FAILING TO MAINTAIN HER LANE OF TRAVEL WHILE EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.


**COUNT 16**


And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the Citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **LAKEN MICHELLE DELOACH** with the offense of **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (PER SE)** for that the said accused **ON OR ABOUT THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024**, in the County aforesaid, **DID DRIVE A DODGE DURANGO, A MOVING VEHICLE, WHILE THE ACCUSED'S ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION WAS .08 GRAMS OR MORE AT ANY TIME WITHIN 3 HOURS AFTER SUCH DRIVING ENDED FROM ALCOHOL CONSUMED BEFORE SUCH DRIVING ENDED**, all of said act being contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

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