

SPALDING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

MARCH TERM, 2024

No. 24R-170 A+B

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**GRIFFIN
JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT**

Charles E. Clark
Prosecutor

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Bill



24R-170A Curtis Keith Bankston INDICTMENT
24R-170B Sofia Virginia Simm-Bankston - MARIE G. BRODER
District Attorney

CHRISTOPHER M. CARR
Attorney General

State of Georgia

vs.

CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON

SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON

Charge(s): Ct. 1: UNLICENSED PERSONAL CARE HOME
O.C.G.A. 31-7-12.1
Ct. 2: EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT,
ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT
O.C.G.A. 16-5-102(a)
Ct. 3: EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT,
ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT
O.C.G.A. 16-5-102(a)
Ct. 4: EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT,
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Ct. 5: EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT,
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Ct. 6: EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT,
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Ct. 7: EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT,
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O.C.G.A. 16-5-102(a)
Ct. 8: EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT,
ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT
O.C.G.A. 16-5-102(a)

Witnesses

*Denotes Grand Jury Witness

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Clerk, Superior Court

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PLEA OF DEFENDANT

The defendant, CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON; _____ waives formal arraignment
_____ has been formally arraigned;

and pleads: _____ guilty _____ not guilty.

This _____ day of _____, _____.

Assistant District Attorney

Defendant

Defendant's Attorney

PLEA OF DEFENDANT

The defendant, CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON; _____ waives formal arraignment
_____ has been formally arraigned;

and pleads: _____ guilty _____ not guilty.

This _____ day of _____, _____.

Assistant District Attorney

Defendant

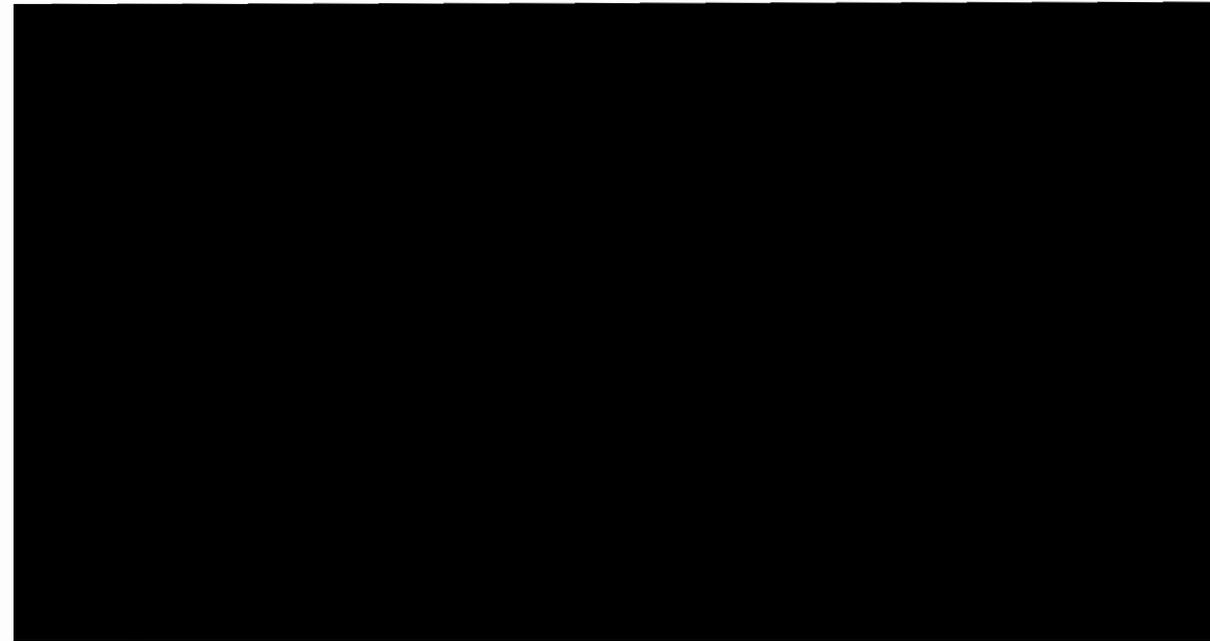
Defendant's Attorney

BILL OF INDICTMENT

GEORGIA, SPALDING COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SPALDING COUNTY

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



In the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME**, with the offense of **UNLICENSED PERSONAL CARE HOME** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, The Grand Jurors, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON** and **SOPHIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **OPERATING AN UNLICENSED PERSONAL CARE HOME** in violation of O.C.G.A. 31-7-12(b) and O.C.G.A. 31-7-12.1 for the said Accused, in the County of Spalding and State of Georgia, on or about January 13, 2022, did operate an unlicensed care home located at 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia in conjunction with a violation of Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 16, , contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 2: And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT, ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, did willfully and unreasonably confine R.D., a person over the age of 18 with a mental incapacity which substantially affected his ability to provide necessities and manage his resources, by locking him in the basement of 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia, , contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 3: And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT, ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, did willfully and unreasonably confine K.S., a person over the age of 18 with a physical incapacity which substantially affected his ability to provide necessities and manage his resources, by locking him in the basement of 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia, , contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 4: And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT, ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, did willfully and unreasonably confine M.H., a person over the age of 18 with a mental incapacity which substantially affected his ability to provide necessities and manage his resources, by locking him in the basement of 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia, , contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 5: And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT, ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, did willfully and unreasonably confine M.B., a person over the age of 18 with a mental incapacity which substantially affected his ability to provide necessities and manage his resources, by locking him in the basement of 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 6: And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT, ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, did willfully and unreasonably confine I.E., a person over the age of 18 with a mental incapacity which substantially affected his ability to provide necessities and manage his resources, by locking him in the basement of 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 7: And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT, ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, did willfully and unreasonably confine R.H., a person over the age of 18 with a mental incapacity which substantially affected his ability to provide necessities and manage his resources, by locking him in the basement of 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

COUNT 8: And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, further charge and accuse **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** with the offense of **EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF DISABLED ADULT, ELDER PERSON, OR RESIDENT** for that said **CURTIS KEITH BANKSTON AND SOFIA VIRGINIA SIMM-BANKSTON** in the County and State aforesaid, on or about the 13th day of January, 2022, did willfully and unreasonably confine S.T., a resident of a long-term care facility, by locking him in the basement of 102 Valley Road, Griffin, Georgia,, contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

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